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YEAR BOOK OF DERMATOLOGY: 1964-1965 series edited by Rudolf L. Baer and Alred W. Kopf; Published by Year Book Medical Publishers, Inc., 35 East Wacker Drive Chicago; Pp. 501; Price : \$ 10.00.

This will be the last year book edited by Dr. Baer. He was associated with it for last 22 years. What was dermatology then and what is it now? It will be interesting to quote his own words in the introduction to the present series under review. The speciality has undergone profound changes. "These changes can perhaps best be described as the transition from a largely clinically and morphologically oriented speciality to one in which there is balanced clinical and fundamental orientation. These developments are well illustrated by comparing the distribution of the articles abstracted in the Year Book in three arbitrarily selected categories: (1) Clinical reports—a drop from 73% in 1943 to 50% in 1964; (2) Clinical research—an increase from 25% in 1943 to 40% in 1964; (3) fundamental research—an increase from 2% in 1946 to 10% in 1964." He is sure that this trend will definitely benefit the speciality.

The Year book has maintained its usual high standard of abstracts and editorial comments. The leading article concerns complications of therapy of Basal cell Epitheliomas. It is very interesting and informative. However, the reference list contains a glaring omission. Dr. Belisario, a well known authority on the subject and who has innumerable articles to his credit, one in our journal also (I. J. D. and V. 29, 189) is not mentioned at all. But this does not detract from the overall utility of the article and the book.

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DERMATOLOGY AND VENEREOLGGY: Edited by Prof. H. A. Gottron and Prof. Dr. W. Schoenfeld; M. D., P. Band V/Teil 2, Seiten 705 to 1455, Georg Thieme Verlag, Stuttgart 1965, DM 225.

Dermatology and Venereology by Prof. H. A. Gottron, M. D., Prof. W. Schoenfeld, M. D., Volume 5th, Part II, Pages 705 to 1455, Georg Thieme Verlag, Stuttgart 1965, Text in German, Price Rs. 260 approximately.

This is the last publication of the monumental and world famous series on Dermatology and Venereology most ably edited by Prof. H. A. Gottron and Prof. W. Schoenfeld. Prof. Dr. H. A. Gottron is the director of the University Skin Clinic at Mains while Prof. Dr. Schoenfeld was the director of the world renowned Heidelberg University's Skin Hospital.

Both have tremendous experience in teaching and research in Dermato-Venereology. This part deals with non-venereal diseases of the external genitalia, statistics of venereal diseases, gonorrhoea, experimental syphilis, Yaws, pinta, chancroid, L. G. V., Donovanosis, N. S. U., Serology, prevention of Venereal disease and sex education of adolescents. Twenty four German and Austrian dermatologists and venereologists have contributed to this book. The main text of 640 pages has been excellently written. 167 well chosen figures and 19 tables have enhanced the clinical value of this book. To facilitate further reading, references in alphabetical order have been given at the end of each chapter. Printing and paper are excellent. This is no doubt the best and the most authoritative publication on venereal diseases. In our opinion, it is a must for every German knowing Dermato-venereologist.

—S. J. YAWALKAR