

FROM OUR BOOK SHELF

DERMATOLOGY: by R. M. B. Mackenna & E. L. Cohen (1964) London, publishers Balliere, Tindall and Cox, pp. 275, 5 illus. Price 17s. 6d.

Most of the Indian dermatologists, who have had the privilege of hearing Dr. Mackenna or being trained under him have been considerably influenced by his method and approach.

This book is a good concise text book for the medical students to get fundamentals of dermatology. It will also serve as an excellent source of revision of dermatology knowledge, for the busy general practitioner. In this book the traditional practical approach has been well supplemented with the modern advances.

Being concise, it is lacking in illustration-but this is a defect which is easily excusable.

In a subject like Dermatology, there are bound to be differences of opinion and approach, from one expert to another. I find Dr. Mackenna's approach rational and sound. On the whole I would consider it as a valuable addition to a medical college or private practitioner's library.

—Dr. B. S. Verma

TURMOURS OF THE SKIN: By the university of Texas, M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumours Clinic, Price \$8.50 pp. 322, illustrated. Year book publishers, Inc., 35E Wacker Dr, Chicago 60601, 1964.

This book is a compilation of various papers presented at the seventh annual clinical conference on cancer held at the M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumour held at the M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumour Institute in 1962.

As it is a compilation of various papers, it could neither be a general nor an exhaustive book on tumours of skin. The section on etiology and epidemiology is good. The therapy section is not of much practical value to the dermatologist, but could be of good use to a plastic surgeon or a radiologist.

This book certainly presents a good summary of modern knowledge in certain aspect of cancer, which would be of great use to a dermatologist.

—Dr. B. S. Verma

TEXTBOOK OF VENEREAL DISEASES AND TREPONEMATOSES: by R. R. Willcox. Second edition; Published by William Heinemann Books Ltd., London; Date of Publication 17-10-1964; Pages 492; Illustrations 185; Price 70 sh.

This is a popular book among the Post-graduate students and teachers alike. First edition was published 15 years ago. Second edition like its predecessor makes an interesting reading and its usefulness has been enhanced by the improvements.

The word treponematoses has been incorporated in the title. Much new knowledge has been added. Paper binding and printing are attractive. Illustrations are excellent. Language lucid.

The chapters on Endemic syphilis and Antibiotics in particular are informative and instructive to the Post-graduate students. Probably, the increase in price from 32 s to 70 s will not be to the liking of the prospective patrons,

—J. N. Shetty