

## FROM OUR BOOKSHELF

**ELECTRON MICROSCOPY OF SKIN AND MUCUOUS MEMBRANE:** By Alvin S. Zelickson, M. D.; Published by Charles C. Thomas, 301-327 East Lawrence Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, U. S. A., Publication date March 25, 1963; Price \$ 8.50.

This is the first monograph on this radically new and fascinating field in Dermatology. This instructive and informative publication we owe to Dr. Alvin S. Zelickson M. D., clinical instructor Division of Dermatology University of Minnesota Medical School Minneapolis, Minnesota. The text of 157 pages deals concisely with technics of electron microscopy, structure of cell, keratinizing epidermis, non-keratinizing epidermis, keratinization, the melanocyte, melanin granule, cutaneous appendages, connective tissue, blood vessels and blood cells. The chapter on technics of electron microscopy has been contributed by J. Francis Hartman Ph. D. Professor of Anatomy University of Minnesota Medical School. All the 82 figures are very sharp and well chosen.

This small lucid and interesting monograph can very well keep us abreast with this new and rapidly expanding field in dermatology. Author, editor as well as publishers deserve praise for bringing out such a basic book on the fundamentals of this budding branch of Dermatology. This useful as well as neatly brought out book we recommend to every dermatologist and pathologist. It will serve as a worthy addition to every medical library.—S. J. Yawalkar.

**DISEASES OF THE SKIN:** By G. C. Andrews and A. N. Domonkos, Pp. 749, Figs. 605; Published by W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia and London, Fifth Edition, 1963.

This is a revised and enlarged version of the popular textbook on "Diseases of the Skin". The format, illustrations and presentation of the subjects have been modified from the previous editions. The detailed lesional symptomatology of skin diseases is accurately and comprehensively described as in the previous editions. The reviewer has found this feature of considerable help in teaching the students to build up their vocabulary of diagnostic features of different diseases from similar looking eruptions. Addition of current references enhances the value of the book for the postgraduates. The illustrations are well chosen and show clear pictures to make the task of the undergraduate students easier. The practical aspects of treatment are particularly well brought out. The chapter on the Radiation Therapy helps in understanding the fundamental problems of radio therapy for the students. It bears the imprint of the vast experience of the senior author in this field. This is a comprehensive textbook serving the interests of both the undergraduate and postgraduate students as well as a 'must' on the book-shelf of every practising dermatologist.—Sharat C. Desai.

**MEDICAL MYCOLOGY :** By Emmons, C. W., Binford, C. H. and Utz, J. P., Pp. 380, Figs. 112 with 2 colour plates, Published by Lea and Febiger, Philadelphia, 1963.

This is an excellent treatise on Medical Mycology brought out after a vast experience of the authors. Epidemiologic and botanical aspects of mycology are well brought out. Illustrations are excellent and the histopathologic plates particularly are of immense value to the clinician and pathologist even though they may not have adequate experience of mycology. Epidemiology of each mycosis has been mentioned and this is a unique feature of this publication. Diagnostic methods have been well emphasized and the results with various staining techniques have been pleasingly brought out in the coloured illustrations. This book is a must on the medical shelf not only of the practising mycologist but also of the dermatologist, pathologist and the interneers.—*Sharat C. Desai.*

**SKIN DISEASES IN ARABIAN COUNTRIES :** By Zawahry, M. El., Pp. 270, Figs. 106, Published by the author at French Institute of Oriental Archaeology, Cairo, Volume 1, 1963.

This is the first book on this subject which has come to the reviewer's notice and the book under review is the first volume containing allergy and skin infections. The author mentions in the preface that this book is the result of 3000 patients in his experience. From the latter he has brought out tables and charts showing the incidence of various infectious diseases, allergy, and the most common skin diseases. There are many informative charts and tables. Some of the illustrations are clear while others could have been better chosen or photographed. There are 40 coloured plates some of which are good. The diseases peculiar to Arabian countries have been more emphasized. The book is more of a review of dermatologic experience in the Arabian setting than a textbook. It serves the purpose of focussing the attention on the former objective. Dr. Zawahry's effort in this direction deserves commendation.—*Sharat C. Desai.*

#### **Pfizer Acquires Metals for Electronics, Inc. : Plans Expansion of Marketing and Research**

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut—Chas. Pfizer & Co. Inc. has completed the acquisition of Metals For Electronics, Inc. of Wallingford, Conn. MFE is a pioneer in the compacting of powder into high-purity nickel and nickel-base alloy strip used in magnetic, electrical, electronic and thermal applications.

Metals for Electronics will operate as a subsidiary of Pfizer.