malignant diseases etc. The chapter on rheumatic diseases is a thoughtful result of Anglo-German co-operation by Drs D. A. Brewerton and E. Albert. The final section deals with the possible mechanisms of disease association with the major histocompatibility complex and with a discussion of possible clinical implications of tissue typing.

Initially it was hoped that this book would be published by November 1976, but it did not appear until August 1977. This is particularly regrettable in such a rapidly expanding subject and it means that much of the recent work on the HLA-D locus and the Ia-like antigens does not appear. There are also unfortunately a remarkable number of typographical errors in all chapters. Most of these are obvious, but they are so numerous that one wonders about the accuracy of some of the figures. In spite of this the book

gives a useful account of current knowledge and theories of HLA and disease.

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Immunology in Medicine. A Comprehensive Guide to Clinical Immunology. Edited by E. J. Holborow and W. G. Reeves. (Pp. 1185; illustrated + tables. £25.00; US \$45.00.) Academic Press: London. 1977.

I cannot pretend to have read the whole of this book which is over 1000 pages long. Those parts which I have were a delight. The first four sections which deal with basic concepts and techniques are superbly written. Section V which deals with system disorders is a detailed yet clear account of the salient features of these

disorders. Section VII on therapeutic aspects, is particularly recommended to the practising clinician. Both Hurd, on drugs, and Reeves, on therapeutic manipulation, have dealt with this complex and often confused subject in a balanced and informative manner.

Holborow and Reeves are to be congratulated on having welded such a large number of writers into a coherent team. It is indeed easy to forget at times that this is a multiauthor textbook. There is little overlap between the different contributions although judicious use of the index is sometimes required in order to do full justice to a particular topic. It is far superior to other books on the subject and is heartily recommended to the physician, pathologist, technologist, and nonmedical scientist. It is hoped that it will be kept up to date.

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