Drugs in the Treatment of Disease. 1961. Pp. 570. B.M.A. Publications. (35s.)

This well-produced volume offers practical guidance on the use of drugs, both ancient and modern, in the various fields of medical practice. Each article was originally commissioned for publication in the *British Medical Journal*.

The two articles referring to rheumatology are by Dr. F. Dudley Hart: "Corticosteroids in Rheumatic Diseases" and "Analgesics in Rheumatic Diseases". In the former he discusses briefly but comprehensively the whole field. As he says: "The indications and contra-indications in these different disorders are in some

measure a matter of individual opinion, but certain facts have been learnt in the hard school of experience." He adds the important rider: "In general it may be said that it is far easier to start steroid therapy than to stop it."

Both articles are full of practical good sense, which should appeal to the "expert" equally with the tyro.

A volume of this sort, which enables the busy practitioner to obtain authoritative practical information succinctly expressed, in the various fields of modern drug therapy, obviously fulfils a very useful purpose, as Dr. Hugh Clegg points out in his preface.

W. S. C. COPEMAN.

IV BRAZILIAN CONGRESS OF RHEUMATOLOGY

Pôrto Alegre, 1962

The IV Brazilian Congress of Rheumatology, sponsored by the Brazilian Society of Rheumatology and the Rheumatological Society of Rio Grande do Sul, will take place on May 15 to 19, 1962.

Particulars may be obtained from:

Sociedade de Reumatologia do Rio Grande do Sul,
Praça Júlio de Castilhos, 20,
Pôrto Alegre, Brazil.

GAIRDNER AWARDS 1961

Amongst the awards for the year 1961 by the Gairdner Foundation, which were announced in Toronto recently, is one to Dr. Jonas H. Kellgren, Professor of Rheumatology and Director of the Rheumatism Research Centre, University of Manchester, for his advanced

studies of the incidence of rheumatoid arthritis. He has also made significant contributions to the better understanding of rheumatoid arthritis as a generalized connective tissue disease, and his work has led to improvements in diagnosis and treatment.

W.H.O. FELLOWSHIP 1961

Dr. B. S. Rose, medical superintendent, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Rotorua, New Zealand, and formerly senior registrar and tutor in the department of child

health and paediatrics, University of Leeds, has been awarded a W.H.O. Fellowship to study developments in rheumatology overseas.

OBITUARY

GUIDO COSTA BERTANI, 1899-1961

Argentinian rheumatology has suffered a further loss in the person of Dr. Guido Bertani, who died in July at the age of 62.

A severe attack of rheumatism in early life initiated his lifelong interest and pioneer work in

this subject. He founded, and edited for 26 years, the *Revista Argentina de Reumatologia*.

He was a man of philosophical outlook and wide interests, and was at one time and another president of a number of learned Societies. W.S.C.C.