In a rapidly-changing subject, this type of annual review is an essential supplement to a text-book and may well replace it. ALLAN ST. J. DIXON

Autoimmunity. Clinical and Experimental. By J. R. ANDERSON, W. W. BUCHANAN, and R. B. GOUDIE. Pp. 485, figs, bibl., index. Thomas, Springfield, Ill. (\$19.50)

This, the most recent of the books devoted to autoimmunity, makes no attempt to be comprehensive but restricts itself mainly to those fields within the immediate experience of the authors. Consequently the autoimmune phenomena associated with diseases of the blood, eye, skin, and testes are entirely omitted. As a result the book loses something of its value as a work of reference but compensates by the thoroughness with which the rest of the subject is covered. Nevertheless, it may well be felt that in devoting more than one-fifth of the text to the thyroid gland the authors have overindulged their own interests.

The book is divided into three sections: introduction, organ-specific immune diseases, and connective tissue diseases. The chapter outlining immune responses and immune reactions is useful but probably too condensed for the non-immunological reader, and the discussion of immunological tolerance fails to recognize the independent nature of the humoral and the cellular responses. The discussion of multiple organ autoimmunity is, however, excellent and forms a valuable theme throughout the book.

The rheumatologically minded will find the section on connective tissue diseases wholly admirable. It is clear, comprehensive, and well illustrated, and the bibliography remarkably well up to date. The section on Sjögren's syndrome deserves special mention.

The book is handsomely produced and clearly written, and can be strongly recommended to anyone seeking an up-to-date view of the subjects covered. L. E. GLYNN

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