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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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Programme of Meetings, 1968

MARCH 22: Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, with the Heberden Round by Dr. Clifford Hawkins.

MAY 17: Glasgow.

JUNE 26—28: With the Orthopaedic Society and Rheumatism Society of Switzerland, at Burgenstock, Switzerland.

NOVEMBER 22-23: Heberden Oration and Annual General Meeting at the Royal College of Physicians, London.

Titles and short programme notes of original communications which Members wish to make to the Society during 1968 should be sent to the Senior Honorary Secretary (Dr. A. J. Popert) at least one month before the date of the meeting. Abstracts for publication in the *Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases* (approximately 300 words) should be sent in advance or handed to the secretary at the meeting.

EUROPEAN LEAGUE AGAINST RHEUMATISM

Lisbon, October 8-14, 1967

The meeting at Lisbon was attended by approximately one thousand delegates. The three major symposia of invited speakers, on "Sero-negative Polyarthritis", "Preventive Aspects of Rheumatology", including a session on cartilage metabolism, and "Spondylopathies", were all highly successful.

At the end of the Congress, the President, Dr. G. D. Kersley, retired and was nominated as Vice-

President of the International League. Prof. K. Gotsch (*Austria*) becomes the new President of the European League, with Prof. S. de Sèze (*France*) and Prof. V. Laine (*Finland*) as Vice-Presidents.

The next International Congress will take place in Prague in September, 1969, and the next European Congress in London in 1971.

SOUTH AFRICAN RHEUMATISM AND ARTHRITIS ASSOCIATION

At a meeting held at Durban during the South African Medical Association Congress in July, 1967, the South African Rheumatism and Arthritis Association was established, and the following officers were elected:

President: Prof. G. Elliott

Chairman: Prof. L. Solomon

Vice-Chairman: Mr. Brookes Heywood

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GAIRDNER FOUNDATION AWARDS, 1967

Awards to nine medical scientists from four countries included the following:

DR. C. R. DEDUVE (*Rockefeller University, New York City, and University of Louvain, Belgium*) for his work on lysosomes.

DR. G. E. PALADE (*Rockefeller University, New York City*) for his studies of human cells by electron microscopy.

DR. MARSHALL NIRENBERG (*Bethesda, Maryland*) for his continuation of the work of Dr. Crick, who

received a Gairdner Award a few years ago for studies of protein synthesis.

DR. D. H. COPP (*University of British Columbia*) and DR. I. MACINTYRE (*Royal Postgraduate Medical School, London*) for their joint work on calcitonin.

DR. P. MOLONEY (*Toronto*) for his studies of new types of insulin.

DR. J. AXELROD AND DR. S. UDENFRIEND (*Bethesda, Maryland*) for their work on blood pressure control.

DR. J. FRASER MUSTARD (*McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario*) for his studies in arteriosclerosis and particularly of the blood platelets in this disease.