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references to the first 6 chapters only 10 are more recent than 1972. Throughout the book, in fact, there has been no real attempt to provide an up-to-date summary of modern literature. In making this gloomy comment, I was, perhaps, influenced by my discovery that *Gray's Anatomy* had been wrongly quoted, in an obsolete edition, on p. 5.

In a book where so much engineering theory rests upon anatomical understanding greater attention should have been given to the accuracy and value of the many line diagrams. The human skeleton (p. 2) is a skimpy affair of whom 'man's designer' (editors' introduction) might have been ashamed. The bones of the hand (p. 98) are carefully labelled, those of the foot (p. 82) are not. The interphalangeal joint (p. 99) is difficult to comprehend. Similar inconsistencies within chapters relate to the labelling of figures, so that whereas (Fig. 17.7) some structures can be

placed in perspective, many others, such as Fig. 17.5, have no scale indicated.

Deliberately, the Leeds viewpoint is presented. The reader may be saddened that the biochemical work of Muir and her colleagues is not mentioned in the discussion of the chemistry of cartilage, just as the surgical experiments of Freeman and Swanson are not indexed in the chapter on total knee replacement.

Notwithstanding these criticisms the book fulfils its principal purpose. I trust it will proceed to a further edition in which more account can be taken of contemporary research. In the meantime it is a monument to the signal and pioneering efforts of the Leeds group to advance knowledge of this important subject with its attendant clinical problems.

D. L. GARDNER

Notes

Coming events

22–27 August. XVI International Congress of Internal Medicine: Prague, Czechoslovakia.

3–5 September. International Skeletal Society—refresher course on bone and joint disease: San Francisco, California, USA.

11 September. 'Joint management': a symposium for rheumatologists and orthopaedic surgeons: London.

23–24 September. Joint Annual Provincial Meeting: the Heberden Society/BARR/Royal Society of Medicine (Section of Rheumatology and Rehabilitation)/Irish Society of Rheumatology: Cambridge.

4–7 October. V Latin Congress of Rheumatology: Florence, Italy.

15 October. ARC Symposium 'The consultant's role in rheumatological education of GPs' (by invitation only): Charing Cross Hospital Medical School, London.

11–12 November. The Heberden Society—Annual Meeting and Oration: Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London.

26 June–1 July 1983. X European Congress of Rheumatology: Moscow, USSR.

A complete list of rheumatological meetings and courses in the UK is published in January and July of each year in the *BLAR Newsletter*, a copy of which is available from the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, 41 Eagle Street, London WC1R 4AR.

British Connective Tissue Society

The British Connective Tissue Society was recently formed by the amalgamation of the former Collagen Club

and Mucopolysaccharide Club. The new society aims to assist the scientific study of connective tissues and to provide a forum for research in this country. It is a registered charity and a member of the Biological Council. The society organises 2 meetings each year, and the next will be at the University of Southampton on 23–24 September 1982. The theme of this meeting will be 'Biological function and physical properties of connective tissues.' In addition to main sessions there will also be free communications and poster presentations. A future meeting on 'Cell-matrix interactions' is also planned for 21–22 April 1983 at St George's Hospital Medical School, London. Membership of the Society is £5 p.a. Further details may be obtained from the Secretary, Dr T. E. Hardingham, Kennedy Institute of Rheumatology, Bute Gardens, London W6 7DW (tel. 01-748 9966).

Meeting in honour of Professor Eric Bywaters

An afternoon clinical meeting is planned for 10 November 1982 in the Rheumatology Unit, Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith Hospital, London, in honour of Professor E. G. L. Bywaters. As the meeting is to be held on the day before the annual meeting of the Heberden Society, it is hoped that a number of visiting overseas colleagues might be able to attend. All those who have at any time worked for Professor Bywaters are welcome to attend and are asked to write to Dr Graham R. V. Hughes, Hammersmith Hospital, Du Cane Road, London W12 0HS.