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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF BLOOD BANKS ANNOUNCES SITE OF THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

The Third Annual Meeting of the American Association of Blood Banks is currently scheduled for October 12, 13, and 14 at The Stevens Hotel in Chicago. The central location was chosen so that the meeting will be more accessible to members from all points of the country. The program which is being planned will be one which will attract blood bank personnel, hospital executives, pathologists, clinicians, surgeons, and other people interested in the procurement, preservation, and administration of blood and blood derivatives. Further information may be obtained by writing the Office of the Secretary, 3301 Junius Street, Dallas 1, Texas.

BOOK REVIEWS


Under the direction of the two authors, a distinguished group of writers, mostly from institutions in Philadelphia, has collaborated in the meritorious task of determining normal values in clinical medicine. The book represents a definite improvement over similar work published in this country and abroad, both in the extent and quality of the material. In a total of eighteen sections, normal measurements and normal figures are given for the various organic systems and functions. An extremely valuable section, including food values, drugs and their doses, isotopes and life and actual tables, concludes the book. This section presents a short but clear and substantial chapter on statistical methods. Little can be said of this book which would not sound praise. All sections are well treated, but some deserve particular mention. Thus, the chapters dealing with the digestive system and with the endocrines are unusually good. Readers interested in limited sections of the book will, I am sure, find omissions, and may criticize the limited attention which has been given, in some sections, to the functional examination of a given organ or system. But, as a whole, the volume is extremely useful and should enjoy well deserved success. The format is elegant and the printing carefully done. In the copy received by the reviewer, however, pages 497 to 518 are displaced, possibly a fault limited to only a few copies and in any event a minor defect in an otherwise admirable work.—M. Stefanini


This book is based upon the clinical observation and histologic studies of 34 cases of sarcoidosis (Besnier-Boeck-Schaumann disease). As physician-in-chief of a pulmonary disease sanatorium in Switzerland, the author naturally gives a full discussion of sarcoidosis of the lung. Nevertheless, the extensive literature of the disease, in all its aspects, in general is adequately recorded. This careful and valuable study is illustrated with excellent clinical and histologic pictures.

In the discussion of similar granulomatous diseases, beryllium pulmonary sarcoidosis and torula granulomatosis are not mentioned. There is furthermore insufficient emphasis upon the fact that sarcoidosis (Boeck-Schaumann) is a systemic disease which may involve only one organ (monosymptomatic form), or several organs, or may occur as a generalized form affecting almost the entire body.

In summarizing the pathogenesis of the disease, the author favors a tuberculous etiology. This opinion