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## Text-Book of Pathology.

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Book : [Text-Book of Pathology.](#) 1941 No.Fifth Edition pp.vii+991 pp. ref.599 figs.

Abstract : Since the first appearance of this book in 1924, in addition to five now reached the fifth edition. The work was written primarily as a text-book and these facts are in themselves a sufficient testimonial to its popularity. It has already contributed to the education of many generations of students in just as "Muir and Ritchie" did to that of previous generations in bacteriology; condensed the unique knowledge which Sir Robert Muir has accumulated during his career as teacher, observer and experimentalist and we have reason to be grateful for this permanent record of his experience. Thus the book becomes not only a text-book for students but also one which is a valuable addition to the shelves of all medical libraries.

especially of those who have not access to a medical library.

The new edition has been brought completely up to date without any increase in the number of pages, but with a considerable rearrangement of contents but with the addition of some 30 new figures. The illustrations in general are much crisper than in previous editions, almost entirely of photographs or photomicrographs of actual specimens in the possession of the author or his colleagues. There is no doubt that this method of illustration is much to be preferred to the more elaborate diagrammatic or schematic pictures of some other (especially American) text-books. By the use of these figures the student can easily recall what he has actually seen in the laboratory, in the museum or under the microscope. The font has been changed in the new edition, and this is a welcome improvement, though it may be mentioned that there are the rather numerous printer's errors are an unfortunate occurrence.

In his preface to the first edition, Sir Robert explains that his book is based on a course of instruction which he gave in Glasgow University, keeping in mind the scientific aspect of general pathological processes and describing secondarily the pathological changes which are of special importance in relation to clinical medicine and surgery. Thus the early chapters are devoted to general considerations such as disturbances of the circulation, inflammation, repair, disturbances of nutrition and tumours, while the later ones consist of descriptions of the diseases of internal organs in turn. Where, as in the field of cancer research, new knowledge and theories are rapidly added to well-established facts, care has been taken to sift hypotheses and to give with the result that a clear and succinct account of tumours and of the known factors in tumour growth is given. Similarly with diseases of the haemopoietic system. Following a very good description of the blood and the pathological changes which its component elements may undergo, is a simple yet fundamental classification of anaemias and a clear account of these and the hyperplastic diseases, *i.e.* leukaemia and erythraemia. This section closes with a description of the haemorrhagic diseases. Of necessity the chapters concerned with diseases of the reproductive system and the endocrine glands are short but all the essential facts are there and references are given to larger works where more detailed information can be obtained. Sir Robert's researches in recent years, been directed towards the study of cancer of the breast and a short section on this subject is of especial value.

In the chapter on Bright's disease, the author acknowledges his indebtedness to the writings of his pupil and colleague, Professor Shaw Dunn, whose work has done so much to the elucidation of the mechanisms involved in this very difficult and important subject. After reading in addition the more recent publications of Professor Dunn (1942) it does seem as if we are now entering upon a new phase in the understanding of this complex of diseases.

This is not a text-book of tropical pathology but naturally there are many re-

diseases of warm climates, notably malaria, filariasis, cholera, dysentery, kala-azar and schistosomiasis. In addition some five pages are devoted to other helminth parasites of man and their pathogenic effects, including hydatid disease. The pithy accounts provide most of what a student working for a medical qualification in the islands might reasonably be expected to know.

This is a book to be read and studied, not to be lightly skimmed. It is a mine of information presented in ordered sequence—each paragraph planned and based upon that preceding it, each argument developed step by step. Sir Robert Macdonald congratulated and thanked for this new edition of his book. *Georgiana M. Boyd*

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