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tissue diagnostician, and among the working texts of every specialist in these fields. Teachers of pathology, and particularly of special pathology, will welcome them for these atlases are outstanding in excellence.

A complete index enhances their practical value.


This little manual has, without doubt, been a life-saver for a host of internes in the past and the present edition, thoroughly revised and largely rewritten, will do as much for the internes of today and tomorrow.

Compact, concise and clear, its five chapters cover an amazing amount of ground and abound in practical, utilizable information. This book can be well recommended.

Anemia in Practice. By William P. Murphy, A.B., M.D., Associate in Medicine, Harvard Medical School, Senior Associate in Medicine, Peter Bent Brigham Hospital; Consultant Hematologist, Melrose Hospital, Melrose, Mass. Cloth, 344 pp., 40 figures, 5 colored plates. W. B. Saunders Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

This is a “must” item for the physician’s library and may well be added to the reference shelf of the clinical pathologist.

The work of Minot and Murphy in the development of the liver therapy of anemias is now a part of medical history. In this book Dr. Murphy presents this subject in an eminently clear and practical way, so much so that there can be, for the reader, no excuse for any clinical confusion in this matter.

The book is divided into two main sections, the first devoted to Hypochromic and Normocytic Anemias, the second, to Pernicious Anemia. Both sections are detailed and complete and are so written as to present clinical implications and applications in an excellently clear-cut manner.

This book cannot be too highly recommended as an eminently practical clinical text of especial interest and value to the practicing physician as well as to the clinical pathologist.

Principles of Hematology. By Russell L. Haden, M.A., M.D., Chief of the Medical Division of The Cleveland Clinic, Ohio; formerly Professor of Experimental Medicine in The University of Kansas School of Medicine, Kansas City, Kansas. Cloth, 348 pp., 155 illustrations, 1 colored plate, $4.50. Lea and Febiger, Phila.

Dr. Haden is not only a hematologist of enviable repute but as Chief of a prominent Medical Clinic is eminently and peculiarly well equipped to write a book upon hematology of outstanding usefulness.

His method of approach is based upon two premises of essential importance: First, that “the disorders of the blood should be thought of as disturbances
in the normal physiology of the constituents of the blood instead of true diseases”; and, second, that “clinical hematology is simple if the fundamental principles upon which variations of the blood depend are thoroughly understood.”

His book is written primarily for the physician and is, therefore, eminently practical in its method. Dr. Haden has the faculty of discussing difficult subjects simply and with admirable clarity. The inclusion of illustrative cases (100 in all) and of numerous original and admirable diagrams are outstanding features of the text. He has wisely left the unusual and difficult to those to whose fields they properly belong and presents only those phases of blood studies which fall within the purview of the practicing physician.

While it is true that there is practically no condition in which examinations of the blood may not reveal much of interest and practical utility, it is also true that such findings are not always suitably applied because they are not suitably appreciated. Dr. Haden’s book bridges this gap between hematology per se and clinical medicine and as such deserves a place in the working library of every practicing physician.

It may be predicted with confidence that it will find such a place on its merits.

A good, well organized and well written book of practical utility.