commonest malformations in 688 patients were ventricular septal defect (117) and patent ductus arteriosus (188). Each anomaly is considered in a separate chapter, under the captions of anatomy, clinical features, hemodynamics, pathophysiology, capacity for physical activity, electrocardiography, and radiological examination and electrocardiography. Each section is beautifully illustrated, except for the angiograms. For example, there are 56 illustrations alone, on art-paper, of the lesions of pulmonary stenosis with intact ventricular septum. The detail with which the contrast radiograms is frankly superb, and no one practising angiocardiography should be without this book or be satisfied until his own results approach the Standard. Each section constitutes a complete and modern monograph in all aspects of each defect, except in treatment, which is outside the scope of this presentation. The work can largely be regarded as a picture album, but the text is succinct and informative, and drawn from the authors' personal experiences.

A new feature of this book is the inclusion of the results of hemodynamic investigations of adults with congenital heart disease, before and after exercise. For example, it appears that in complete anomalous venous drainage of the heart during exercise, the stroke output of the right ventricle decreases, less blood is recirculated through the lungs and systemic oxygen saturation falls, but systemic arterial pressure rises. A similar situation was found in moderately sized atrial septal defects, but not when the defect was very large.

Four new chapters are added to this edition, and there is a bibliography of 727 references, for the incompleteness of which the authors apologize. Some of the descriptive matter is based on very small numbers of patients, so cannot be taken as final and authoritative; but the general impression of sincerity and thoroughness and the magnificent reproduction of X-ray appearances will make every cardiologist who sees the work desire a copy for himself, in spite of the formidable price.

**Is Sex Necessary?** By James Thurber and E. B. White; 1960. Mitcham, Victoria: Penguin Books in association with Hamish Hamilton. 7" x 4½", pp. 114 with illustrations. Price: 30s. (English).

Although it first appeared in 1929, this gentle satire in its Penguin edition will still delight those who find many modern books on sex instruction and on family psychology solemn and self-important, and who rebel against their pedestrian approach. The book is going strong having if only for the characteristic Thurber illustrations.

The Chemistry of Lipids in Health and Disease. By H. K. McClure Brown, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), H. C. Thomas, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), H. C. Thomas, Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications Ltd. 9½" x 6", pp. 112. Price: 30s. (English).

This small volume represents an attempt to outline the modern concepts of lipid chemistry, and the significance of lipids to health and disease. It is based on very small numbers of patients, so cannot be taken as final and authoritative; but the general impression of sincerity and thoroughness and the magnificent reproduction of X-ray appearances will make every cardiologist who sees the work desire a copy for himself, in spite of the formidable price.

**Microchemical Methods for Blood Analysis.** By Wendell T. McClure Browne, B.Sc., M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), F.R.C.O.G.; ninth edition; 1960. London: J. and A. Churchill Ltd. 9½" x 6½", pp. 448, with 75 illustrations. Price: £4 13s. 6d. (English).

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**Automated and Postnatal Care.** By F. J. Browne, M.D. (Aberd.), D.Sc., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), F.R.C.O.G. and J. C. McClure Brown, B.S., M.B., D.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), F.R.C.O.G.; ninth edition; 1960. London: J. and A. Churchill Ltd. 9½" x 6½", pp. 448, with 75 illustrations. Price: £4 13s. 6d. (English).

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**The Year Book of Urology (1960-1961 Year Book Series)** edited by William Wallace Scott, M.D., Ph.D.; 1961. Chicago: Year Book Publishers Inc. Melbourne: W. Ramsay (Surgical) Ltd. 7½" x 6", pp. 352, with illustrations. Price: $5 15s. 6d.

**The Year Book of the Ear, Nose and Throat (1960-1961 Year Book Series)**, edited by John R. Lindsay, M.D. A section on maxillofacial surgery edited by Dean M. Lierle M.D. and William C. Huffman, M.D.; 1961. Chicago: The Year Book Publishers Inc. Melbourne: W. Ramsay (Surgical) Ltd. 7½" x 6", pp. 352, with illustrations. Price: $5 15s. 6d.

**Resuscitation of the Newborn Infant: Principles and Practice** edited by Harold Abramson, M.D.; 1960. St. Louis: C. V. Mosby Company. Melbourne: W. Ramsay (Surgical) Ltd. 7½" x 6½", pp. 274, with illustrations. Price: £5 15s.