

## Book Reviews

*Atlas of Tumor Pathology.* By 38 or more authors, in 24 volumes (40 fascicles). Published under the Auspices of the Subcommittee on Oncology, Committee on Pathology, National Research Council, by The Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, American Registry of Pathology, 7th and Independence Avenue, Washington 25, D.C.

A mere listing of the titles and authors of the eleven volumes (fourteen fascicles) already in print should be indication enough of the high quality of experience and scholarship collaborating to make this Atlas, and also of the sound scheme and large scope of its final whole. The "Introduction and Table Contents" (Section I. Fascicle 1), by BALDUIN LUCKÉ, succinctly describes the over-all plan: Sections dealing with tumors (I) of the Skin and Cutaneous Melanomas; (II) of the Musculo-skeletal System; (III) the Cardiovascular and Hematopoietic Systems; (IV) Oral Cavity, Upper Respiratory Tract, Neck and Ear; (V) Lower Respiratory Tract and Thoracic Contents; (VI) and (VII) Digestive System; (VIII) Urogenital System and Adrenal; (IX) Female Generative System; (X) Intracranial Structures and Eye; and Section (XI) of Synonyms and Index. An additional section containing a fascicle on "Transmissible and Transplantable Animal Tumors" is to be inserted. The internal arrangement of all the individual fascicles consists of the same orderly design: name of tumor (with synonyms), definition, natural history, morphology, differential criteria, and pertinent bibliography; but each author is urged to "state what he believes to be the truth" as text to elucidate his own selected illustrations of the tumors of those organs about which his knowledge is preeminent.

*Tumors of the Peripheral Nervous System.* Section II. Fascicle 6. By ARTHUR PURDY STOUT, Columbia. 56 ills. Pp. 50. 60c.

The versatility of the cells as compared to the relatively small number of these tumors, mentioned by the author in his "Introduction," is effectively depicted.

*Teratomas.* Section III. Fascicle 9. By RUPERT A. WILLIS, Leeds, England. 45 ills., 1 color plate. Pp. 58. 50c.

An excellently compact and relevant account of a group of lesions that has always been a source of confusion.

*Tumors of the Parathyroid Glands.* Section IV. Fascicle 15. By BENJAMIN CASTLEMAN, Harvard. 53 ills., 3 color plates. Pp. 74. 65c.

Another exemplification of the clarity of the facets that compose the Atlas's compound view of the special pathology of neoplasia.

*Tumors of the Carotid Body and Related Structures (Chemoreceptor System).* Section IV. Fascicle 16. By PHILIP M. LÉCOMPTE, Harvard. 23 ills., 1 color plate. Pp. 40. 45c.

This should be as valuable to surgeons as to pathologists, since the author stresses the application of his knowledge in this field to the clinical problems presented by the tumors of the carotid body.

*Tumors of the Lower Respiratory Tract.* Section V. Fascicle 17. By AVERILL A. LIEBOW, Yale. 249 ills., 3 color plates. Pp. 189. \$1.25.

Justifiably the longest fascicle, it therefore naturally contains more occasions for dispute, such as the retention of the term "adenoma of the bronchus" for tumors that metastasize.

*Tumors of the Mediastinum.* Section V. Fascicle 18. By HANS GEORGE SCHLUMBERGER, Ohio State. 75 ills., 1 color plate. Pp. 88. 75c.

The illustrations are well balanced between x-ray and photomicrographs and pictures of gross specimens. The text is an equally well balanced survey of these heterogeneous lesions.

*Tumors of the Adrenal.* Section VIII. Fascicle 29. By HOWARD T. KARSNER, U.S. Navy, Bethesda. 47 ills., 5 color plates. Pp. 60. \$1.00.

Though brevity is seldom to be deplored, more upon this subject is to be desired. Perhaps advantage may be taken of the loose-leaf format to publish addenda by the same author.

*Tumors of the Breast.* Section IX. Fascicle 34. By FRED W. STEWART, Cornell. 68 ills., 2 color plates. Pp. 114. \$1.10.

The text is readable and often pertinently witty: "The most frequent precancerous lesion of the breast is a cancer of the opposite breast." The illustrations are particularly good.

*Tumors of the Central Nervous System.* Section X. Fascicles 35 and 37. By JAMES W. KERNOHAN and GEORGE P. SAYRE, Mayo Clinic. 126 ills. Pp. 129. 90c.

An impressive piece of work (tumors of the pineal gland are included) that is a major contribution to our knowledge.

*Tumors of the Male Sex Organs.* Section VIII. Fascicles 31b and 32. By FRANK J. DIXON and ROBERT A. MOORE, University of Pittsburgh and Washington University. 135 ills. Pp. 179. \$1.50.

Admirably thorough in text and illustrations, this fascicle maintains the high standard of the others.

*Tumors of the Thyroid Gland.* Section IV. Fascicle 14. By SHIELDS WARREN and WILLIAM A. MEISSNER, Harvard. 82 ills., 1 color plate. Pp. 96. \$1.75.

This is an excellent presentation of the neoplastic conditions of the thyroid by one who is deservedly judged to be an authority on the subject. It is clearly