one by Dr. Pochin on Occupational and Other Fatality Rates (the weakness and insensitivity of the method were brought out in the discussion but the approach and results remain interesting and stimulating); one by Dr. Munn who discussed the relative merits of animal experiments and epidemiological studies in enquiries into occupational cancer, and who incidentally showed how a medical paper can be useful and closely reasoned without one table or set of figures; and one by Sir Roger Ormrod who presented the law as an artefact, 'nothing more than a man made collection of rules' but, nevertheless in this field, apparently subject to biological rules controlling its development.

It would be wrong to read this book in one or two sittings. It would be equally wrong to believe that the knowledge gained will help in tomorrow's work. But the industrial doctor as an educated man interested in the philosophies or the forces which influence industrial medicine will find much to inform and interest him. He should read it.

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A Laboratory Guide to Clinical Diagnosis, 3rd ed. By R. D. Eastham. (Pp. 288; £1.75.) Bristol: Wright. 1973.

This is a quite substantially revised third edition. It is an amazing compendium of information, much of which will never be used by any individual clinician, but most of it will prove useful to somebody somewhere at some odd time. The author has deliberately included many rare conditions, including a large number of genetically determined biochemical abnormalities.

There is an extensive use of eponymous designation. This provides much scope for the exercise of taxonomic 'one-up-manship' and is, on the whole, a comparatively harmless pastime. However, it adds little or nothing to scientific knowledge, especially as one doubts very much if even the author could stand up to interrogation as to whose these names were and where those places are.

The general nature of the book is to some extent reminiscent of dear old Parkes Weber, who was such an indefatigable collector of rare and unusual diseases. This work, however, as befits a later generation, gives much more hard scientific data.

It is, of course, possible to find errors both of fact and emphasis but these are remarkably few. It is odd that there is no mention of Burkitt's tumour or of endomyocardial fibrosis.

I am not sure that this book is altogether suitable for the undergraduate who might have considerable difficulty in perceiving the wood through the trees. However, it is very useful to the practising clinician to enable him to collaborate more effectively with the pathological services.

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NOTICES

Indian Association for Radiation Protection

The First Asian Regional Congress on Radiation Protection will be held in Bombay, 15-21 December 1974, under the auspices of the Indian Association for Radiation Protection. The Congress is sponsored by the International Radiation Protection Association.

The theme of the Congress will be 'Regional Co-operation in the Field of Radiation Protection'.

For further information please write to:

Mr. S. D. Soman, (Chairman, Organizing Committee, R.C.R.P.), Modular Laboratories, Room 1-216H, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Bombay 400 085, India.

American Industrial Hygiene Association

The American Industrial Hygiene Association and the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists announce the convening of the Annual American Industrial Hygiene Conference in Miami Beach, Florida, 12-17 May 1974.

Further information on the availability of exhibit space and the technical programme for the Conference may be obtained from Mr. William E. McCormick, Managing Director, American Industrial Hygiene Association, 66 South Miller Road, Akron, Ohio 44313.

Environment and Health Symposium

The Commission of the European Communities, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the World Health Organization are organizing in Paris, from 24 to 28 June, 1974, an international symposium on Recent Advances in the Assessment of the Health Effects of Environmental Pollution.

Further information can be obtained from: The Secretariat of the Symposium 'Environment and Health', Health Protection Directorate, Commission of the European Communities, 29 rue Aldringen, Luxembourg (Grand Duchy).