occupational disease is a relatively common occurrence, Dr Waldron's book will be a useful guide to the health professionals who look after people at work.

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Progress in Nickel Toxicology. Edited by Stanley S Brown and F William Sunderman Jr. (250pp; £27.50.) Oxford; Blackwell Scientific Publications, 1985.

There seems to have been a positive deluge of conference proceedings lately and this book is yet another which suffers from all the disadvantages of the genre. Fifty four papers have been brought together under four main headings—carcinogenesis, toxicology, clinical pathology, and occupational exposures. The book has about 240 pages of text so that each contribution has about four pages allotted to it and consequently is unable to say much that is either interesting or novel.

Aesthetically the book is displeasing since it has been prepared from (presumably unedited and unrefereed) camera ready copy that has been prepared on a variety of typewriters and word processors. Some papers have right justification, others do not; there is some conformity of style but not in the references. It is all rather sloppy.

This form of publication really should not be encouraged; it would be so much more worth while for the editors to pick from symposia those (relatively few) contributions that have something important to say and allow the authors sufficient space to develop

their theme. Presumably the reasons for publishing everything that is presented, regardless of its intrinsic value, are that institutions will only pay for attendance if the delegate is presenting a paper and publication adds to the tally of papers on the all important CV. These do not seem to me to be sufficient reasons for the proliferation of these books.

I cannot recommend this book with any enthusiasm, particularly as it was the second on nickel to appear in 1985 (see *BJIM*, 42, p 647 for review). Given the choice—and they are both about the same price—then the earlier volume is to be preferred.

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