

BOOK REVIEW

Dermatologic Differential Diagnosis. By T. B. Fitzpatrick and S. A. Walker. 1962. Pp. 335, 46 figs. Year Book Medical Publishers, Chicago; distributed in U.K. by Lloyd-Luke (Medical Books) Ltd., London. (57s.).

According to the preface, this is not a text-book, but a "field guide" to dermatological diagnosis. It had been produced with the aim of filling the gap between the observation of the patient and the consultation of large standard reference works. The accent is on diagnosis, and therefore regional distri-

bution and minute morphology are a basis of the work.

For the serious student of dermatology this is a useful new look at the subject, and it will be of value to those preparing for an examination in dermatology. The high standard of work which the authors' names lead one to expect is fully maintained.

The general reader will not be at home with this volume, for it has the general pattern of a précis, and as such it is hard work to read through at a sitting. M.W.

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October 25, 1963: "Clinical Aspects of Reiter's Disease", by Dr. A. J. Popert.

November 29, 1963: "Persistence of Treponemes in Patients treated with Penicillin for Late Syphilis", by Dr. P. Collart, Dr. L. J. Borel, and Dr. P. Durel.

January 31, 1964: "Immunofluorescent Techniques in the Diagnosis of Venereal Diseases". Various contributors.

March 20, 1964: "Antibiotic Treatment of Gonorrhoea". Discussion, with opening speakers.

April 24, 1964: "Auto-antibodies and Allergens as Factors in the Causation of Non-gonococcal Urethritis".

All London meetings are to be held at the Medical Society of London, 11 Chandos Street, W.1., at 7.30 p.m. The summer out-of-town meeting will be held in Dublin, probably in June.