Abstract: That this textbook should appear in a new edition only 5 years after its appearance is an indication both of the rapid advance of biochemistry and of the concern of the authors and publishers that their book should contain the latest information. It may also partly explain why the book is so expensive: at nearly £6 it is beyond the pockets of many of the private buyers for whom it is designed. However, those who are prepared to pay will possess a very comprehensive, up-to-date, readable and carefully-compiled introduction to all aspects of human biochemistry.

This second edition follows closely the arrangement of the first edition. It consists of 51 chapters divided into 7 parts. The title of the book may be misleading.
parts are really concerned with fundamental principles. The latter sections deal with specialized biochemistry of man and other mammals, with frequent reference to the biochemical aspects of disease, and to therapy based on this biochemical understanding. This is proper in a work designed primarily as a textbook for medical students, our aim has been well fulfilled.

The authors assume that their readers have an elementary knowledge of organic chemistry, but little or no physical chemistry. Physical principles are introduced as occasion arises, but the structural chemistry is collected into the first part entitled "Chemical Composition of Cells". These 200 pages might well have been reduced, as it includes much material taught under the heading of organic chemistry; some items, methods for laboratory synthesis of amino-acids, seem superfluous in a book of this sort.

The second part is a short section dealing generally with enzymes and enzymes, individual enzymes being discussed in later parts. The next section deals with the metabolism of carbohydrates, lipids and proteins. While it is metabolism in man which is primarily discussed, due emphasis is laid on the important contributions made in this field by the study of micro-organisms, plants and animals, and of the fundamental chemical unity among living organisms which is revealed by the study of comparative biochemistry.

Part 4 deals with body fluids, including not only blood, lymph, urine and milk, but specialized extracellular fluids such as the secretions of the intestinal tract. The biochemistry of the main animal tissues is described: liver, muscle, nervous connective tissues, bone, eyes and skin. The control system operated by the tissues is discussed fully in Part 6, while the final section on nutrition is mainly concerned with the nature and functions of the vitamins, since many other aspects of nutrition have already been described in other chapters.

There follows an index of 100 pages, double the size of the index in the first edition. This is a further indication of the care with which this work has been prepared. The authors hope that the book will continue to be used as a reference source in the years after its formal use as a textbook. Certainly this index enhances its value in this respect.

Additional aids to easy consultation are the liberal use of cross-references and the well-designed page-headings.

The production of the book is of a high standard. Mistakes are very few. There is liberal use of clear structural formulae and diagrams. References follow each chapter, and are deliberately confined to books and review articles, mostly of very recent date.

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