

## BOOK REVIEW

FLOW PROPERTIES OF BLOOD AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL SYSTEMS. By A. L. COPLEY and G. STAINSBY. New York: Pergamon Press Inc. 1960. \$12.50.

THIS BOOK contains the proceedings of an informal discussion convened by the Faraday Society (Colloid and Biophysics Committee) and the British Society of Rheology. Commenting upon the summaries of the papers presented, Professor P. R. Allison states in the opening address, "not all of us would understand all of the papers all of the time." To anaesthetists thumbing through the book, especially should it first open at formula-filled page 76, this would seem somewhat of an understatement; such was this reader's opinion. However, in Part III the rheological aspects of bronchial mucus, hyaluronidase, and skeletal muscle are discussed. Starting from here one's appetite is whetted and a fuller understanding of this intriguing science is desired. Truly a book of academic nature, it is an intellectual stimulant. Those involved in research problems in anaesthesia may well find within these pages information of great import.

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