Disorders of Blood
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in Childhood

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In 1928 the senior authors have published a “Clinical Haematology of Childhood”. Since that time spectacular discoveries have been made in the science of blood diseases. A clinical and morphological discipline has been replaced by one which comprises in addition biochemistry, histochemistry, immunology, as well humoral as cellular, and electronmicroscopy. It was attempted in this book to do justice to all these developments. In addition, a number of observations and experiments which have not been published elsewhere is included in this volume. Already in the book published in 1928 the authors have been working independently. Now a complete independence became a necessity. Dr. Stransky continued clinical work and became particularly involved in the study of tropical diseases, while myself confined my work for the past 23 years to the laboratory. While collaboration was close between the Birmingham group of workers the chapters from the Philippines were written quite independently. In the years 1945-1951 in collaboration with Dr. Smallwood I have prepared the section on “Disorders of Blood and Blood-Forming Organs” for Parsons’ and Barling’s Diseases of Childhood. For technical reasons only excerpts of the original have been used in the definite publication. Use has been made of the original manuscript in this book. The delay in the publication of the present book made it necessary to record additional information in the form of footnotes. No such supplements were possible in the chapters written by Dr. Stransky.

It was attempted to make a clear distinction between statements based on own experience and those based on reports in the literature only.

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