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more important than its severity in relation to the occurrence of sustained postpartum hypertension. Obstetricians will find this book instructive and provocative of thought; in other words, it is calculated to achieve its object.

*Modern Therapeutics.* Edited by Sir Humphry Rolleston, M.D., F.R.C.P., and A. A. Moncrieff, M.D., F.R.C.P. Pp. 365. London: Eyre & Spottiswoode. 1941. Price 16s. net.

This volume is one of the *Practitioner* books, consisting of articles which have appeared in that journal during the past two years. It does not pretend to be a comprehensive treatise on therapeutics, but is a modern survey of present-day views. The subjects have been chosen sometimes because of recent and important developments, and sometimes because, although the drug is old and familiar, it is not always used to best advantage. There are twenty-five contributors, well recognised as experts in the subjects with which they deal. The authors have revised their articles where further advances have been made since their papers originally appeared. It is perhaps a pity that more notice has not been taken of the recent introductions in the addenda to the B.P. The book contains as an Appendix a list of drugs and their equivalents or substitutes, which should be very useful for war-time prescribing.

*Modern Therapeutics* can be thoroughly recommended to the busy practitioner who prides himself on keeping abreast of the times.

NEW EDITIONS

*Synopsis of Hygiene.* By Jameson and Parkinson. Seventh Edition, revised by G. S. Parkinson, D.S.O., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H. Pp. viii+712, with 16 figs. London: J. & A. Churchill Ltd. 1942. Price 25s.

War conditions have provided a wholesome stimulus to public health progress in many departments, but apart from the defence measures, little alteration has yet been made in the normal duties of medical officers of health. The new edition of this work continues to provide a synopsis of well-established public health practice. A very short account of some wartime emergency measures has been included, but the bulk of the text remains as before, brought up to date by the inclusion of recent advances in knowledge.

The Synopsis is a well-balanced and reasonably full account of all the departments of medical knowledge required by those who are concerned with Public Health. The information is well documented so that further particulars can readily be obtained.

The book can be thoroughly recommended to both undergraduates and practitioners of medicine.
Books Received

Arthritis and Allied Conditions. By Bernard I. Comroe, A.B., M.D., F.A.C.P. Second Edition. Pp. 878, with 242 engravings. London: Henry Kimpton. 1941. Price 42s. net.

The production of a new edition has given Dr Comroe an opportunity of rewriting this book in order to incorporate new work which has appeared in the enormous literature on the rheumatic diseases. Important changes have been made in nearly every chapter and several new ones have been added, including a discussion on the sulphonamides—sulphanilamide, sulphapyridine, sulphathiazole, sulphaguanidine, sulphanilamide, and related compounds. The book deals in much detail with the wide subject of the rheumatic diseases. A certain lack of balance is apparent in that 303 pages are devoted to rheumatoid arthritis, doubtless the most important and obscure of the group, while the chapter on fibrositis, surely of very great importance to the practising physician, has but 7 pages. This disparity is offset by most valuable chapters on painful shoulder, painful feet, backache, and sciatica. Detailed instructions are given under each section for the proper investigation and treatment of patients and summaries are boxed in heavy lines for the convenience of the busy reader. Many of the X-ray photographs are surprisingly poor considering the excellent presentation of the rest of the book, which, however, can be confidently recommended as a mine of well-indexed information for any who are interested in the great problem of the rheumatic diseases.

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