BOOK REVIEWS.

Modern Management in Clinical Medicine, by F. Kenneth Albrecht, M.D. Pp. IX. and 1238. 237 Figs. and Tables. Price 55/-.

In the preface the author states that the volume is intended for the doctor's office, not for his library, and that its purpose is to present a clear picture of the rationale of therapy together with useful and usable information in detail about the technique of therapy. It is concerned with management in the broadest sense and considerable space is devoted to history-taking and methods of physical examination. Examples of very detailed and elaborate medical history sheets are given. Sections are then devoted to the various diseases, system by system, including nervous and mental disorders and diseases of the skin. There are also sections on infectious diseases of post war importance, chemotherapy, the care of the aged, the care of the ambulatory patient and clinical laboratory medicine. Under each disease there is a short descriptive definition followed by clinical features, course, diagnosis, prognosis and treatment. Considerable space is devoted to venereal diseases and diseases of allergy. At the end of each section there is an extensive bibliography. Illustrations are numerous and are in general excellent. There are also numerous tables of differential signs, etc., and many diets are quoted in detail. The information is well up to date. The book is excellently produced and the two column to a page format is adopted. Although the author stresses the fact that he is a reporter and that the volume is a compilation of medical facts, his personality is discernible throughout, fortunately a personality of great sanity and commonsense. Provided it is remembered, as the author himself points out, that the basis of diagnosis is the correct elicitation and evaluation of signs and symptoms, which can only be achieved by experience added to a sound basic knowledge, the somewhat detailed tables and descriptions are of great value. With this proviso in mind it is considered that the work will be of greatest value to the physician and the general practitioner for rapid reference and to the post-graduate student for revision purposes.

Medical Emergencies, by Charles Newman, M.D.(Cantab)., F.R.C.P.(Lond). 3rd Edition. Pp. VI. and 117. Price 10/6.

This work is already well known and widely appreciated. The present edition follows the plan of its predecessors. The most important additions are on the sulphonamides and penicillin and condensation has been effected by omitting the section on war gases. The information is sound and, of necessity in a work of this nature, didactic. The book should be in the possession, if not in the pocket, of every house physician and indeed would prove a very present help in trouble to any doctor.