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Internal Derangements of the Knee-Joint: Their Pathology and Treatment by Modern Methods. Second Edition. By A. G. TIMBRELL FISHER, F.R.C.S. Eng. Pp. xiv + 205, with 120 illustrations. London: H. K. Lewis & Co. Ltd. 1933. Price 15s.

That Mr Timbrell Fisher has found it necessary to bring out a second edition of this excellent monograph so soon after its appearance indicates how valuable it has been found. To do justice to much new work recently published it has been carefully revised and some sections have been entirely re-written. It is satisfactory to find some reliable figures of the after-results of operations on cartilages. Apparently from 80-90 per cent. of operations are absolutely successful. Cysts of the semilunar cartilage seem to be increasing in frequency, or perhaps they are only now being diagnosed. Manipulative measures are adequately dealt with and an attempt is made to controvert the erroneous impression held by some that qualified surgeons do not practise the art. A comprehensive bibliography is given. The book is written in an interesting manner, beautifully produced, and as a standard book of reference on the subject will continue to take a leading place.

NOTES ON BOOKS

The Arches of the Years (Bles, 10s. 6d.) provides excellent light reading, and will be specially enjoyed by Scottish medical readers. Dr Halliday Sutherland has always had a flair for journalism, and the autobiographical essays in this collection are of a high literary standard. Whether he is describing an early impression of childhood, as in "The Terror of the Glen" (one of the best), a Spanish bull fight, the harpooning of a whale, life on the Empress of Britain during the war, the black houses of the Lews, or his experiences in a mental hospital or a sanatorium, he carries us along with a fine swing. He has many interesting tales to tell of his teachers and friends in Edinburgh and Aberdeen, and even if they lose nothing in the telling, they may be taken as substantially authentic.

Developmental Anatomy: A Text-book and Laboratory Outline of Embryology, by Leslie Brainerd Arey. Second edition. (Saunders, 27s. 6d.). The second edition of this representative American textbook well maintains the reputation originally established by Prentiss'