famous controversy between supporters of Magendie and of Sir Charles Bell as to
priority of discovery of the function of the spinal nerve roots. The author has
succeeded in building up a vivid account of the atmosphere surrounding discoveries
which have proved to be at the basis of much of modern medicine.

Die Intravitale Knochenmarksuntersuchung. By Dr Stefan J. Leitner. Pp. 386,
189 illustrations and 6 coloured plates. Basel: Benno Schwabe & Co. 1944.
Price 36 Francs.

Dr Leitner’s book on haematology is mainly devoted to the special study of
haemopoiesis in a wide variety of diseases as investigated by the modern technique
of sternal puncture. The book is a valuable contribution to haematology. Both
the subject matter and the illustrations are excellent. Dr Leitner is a pupil of
Naegeli, and his work maintains the high standard of his teacher. The book is
written in German. It can be recommended to all haematologists interested in the
problems of haemopoiesis.

A Bibliography of Visual Literature, 1939-1944. Compiled by J. F. Fulton,
P. M. Hoff and H. T. Perkins. Pp. x+117. Springfield, U.S.A.: Charles
C. Thomas. 1945. Price $3.00.

This book is similar in character to the Bibliography of Aviation Medicine issued
a short time ago. It contains over 3000 references to books and journals which
have appeared during the War years. The articles listed are arranged under many
subdivisions so that all recent papers dealing with a special subject are collected
together. In addition there are indexes of authors and of subjects. The compilation
should be of the greatest service to the specialist and to the medical library.

NEW EDITIONS

Massage and Medical Gymnastics. By Mary V. Lace. Foreword by James
Mennell, M.A., M.C., B.C. Third Edition. Pp. xi+244, with 126 illustrations.
London: J. & A. Churchill Ltd. 1945. Price 12s. 6d. net.

This new edition of Miss Lace’s well-known manual has been thoroughly revised
and brought into line with the latest developments in physiotherapy.
Many of the more obsolete movements have been rightly omitted and new
variations of free and recreational exercises have been added.
The book is primarily designed for students in preparation for the examination
of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy. It contains all the basic exercises and
manipulations required to give them a solid foundation from which to devise all
types of movement, both simple and advanced, for the rehabilitation of the sick and
injured.

The illustrations are good and very clear.

Textbook of Medicine. By various Authors. Seventh Edition. Edited by J. J.
Conybeare, M.C., D.M.(Oxon.), F.R.C.P. Pp. 1164, with 21 illustrations. Edin-
burgh: E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. 1945. Price 30s. net.

This book, which has become one of the standard works in British Medicine,
now appears as a seventh edition, the third since the outbreak of war. The features
which have made the previous editions so popular are fully maintained and, if possible,
enhanced in this new one. Certain sections have been re-written and some contain
additions which add to the completeness of the book. In a work which is so uniformly
good it is perhaps invidious to single out any section, but the one on renal disorders
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deserves special mention, for so frequently it is the one which both student and graduate find beset with difficulty; for the lucid manner in which this complex subject is presented in the present edition many readers will be very grateful. It is certain that the book will continue to prove a valued possession to practitioners and students, for all the commoner disorders are fully covered, yet not clouded with an excess of detail.

The Elements of Medical Treatment. By Sir Robert Hutchison, Bart., M.D., D.Sc., LL.D., F.R.C.P. Fourth Edition. Pp. 213. Bristol: John Wright & Sons Ltd. London: Simpkin Marshall (1941) Ltd.

This book, originally written in order to enable students to approach therapeutics along rational lines and to help them to understand the various measures employed in the wards when first they enter them, has been completely revised in this edition. The introductory chapters remain excellent, but subsequent chapters vary very considerably; some, notably those on the use of endocrine preparations, are very good, but others will doubtless perplex the student, for many of the measures advocated he will not see practised in the wards to-day, and the drugs mentioned in detail in the book have in many instances given way to more potent preparations. A feature of the book which may prove of value to the student is the very complete, and fully explained, prescriptions which it contains; in many instances they are very pretty examples of the art of prescribing, but their therapeutic value in some cases would be viewed with scepticism by many pharmacologists and not a few clinicians.

Acute Injuries of the Head. By G. F. Rowbotham. Second Edition. Pp. xvi+424, with 201 illustrations. Edinburgh: E. & S. Livingstone. 1945. Price 30s. net.

This excellent monograph has been considerably enlarged and brought up to date. There is a new chapter on rehabilitation of the head-injured, which contains much sound advice, and a new section also on the mechanism of birth injuries. The author has maintained his high standard in presenting his subject. Some would like to see reference made to the wide field for co-operation with the psychiatrist and psychologist in the analysis and management of the various syndromes presented by so many cases of head injury. The time is now ripe for inclusion also of an account of the part which the speech therapist can play in restoring those with disorders of the mechanisms of speech.

The publisher deserves a word of praise for the excellence of the paper, printing and binding.

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Bailey, Hamilton, F.R.C.S. Demonstrations of Operative Surgery for Nurses. (E. & S. Livingstone Ltd., Edinburgh) 21s. net.

Bourne, AlecK W., M.A., M.B., B.C.H. Synopsis of Obstetrics of Gynecology. Ninth Edition, fully revised. (John Wright & Sons Ltd., Bristol) 21s. net.

Burrows, Harold, C.B.E., Ph.D., F.R.C.S. Biological Actions of Sex Hormones. (Cambridge University Press, London) 42s. 6d. net.

Curran, Desmond, M.B., F.R.C.P., D.P.M., and Eric Guttmann, M.D., M.R.C.P., Psychological Medicine. Second Edition. (E. & S. Livingstone Ltd., Edinburgh) 10s. 6d. net.

Jamieson, E. B., M.D. Illustrations of Regional Anatomy. Complete Volume. Seven Sections. Sixth Edition. (E. & S. Livingstone Ltd., Edinburgh) 75s. net.

Underwood, E. Ashworth, M.A., B.Sc., M.D., D.P.H. A Manual of Tuberculosis. Third Edition. (E. & S. Livingstone Ltd., Edinburgh) 15s. net.