NEW EDITIONS

Textbook of Medicine. Edited by Sir John Conybeare, K.B.E., M.C., D.M., F.R.C.P. Eighth Edition. Pp. xx+1170, with illustrations and 31 X-ray plates. Edinburgh: E. & S. Livingstone. 1946. Price 30s. net.

Conybeare's Medicine has long held a prominent place amongst the doctor's books and the present edition maintains the high standard of its predecessors. The present volume includes a section on penicillin and much new information derived from war experience has been included. The textbook should continue to appeal to undergraduate and practitioner alike.

The Care of the Aged. (Geriatrics.) By M. W. Thewlis, M.D. Fifth Edition. Pp. 500, with 65 illustrations. London: Henry Kimpton. 1946. Price 40s. net.

At the present time a much larger proportion of the population are living beyond the age of 60 and the subject of their care is becoming of increasing importance. Some of the disorders to which old people are subject are peculiar to their years: others which also may occur in younger individuals raise special problems in the aged.

The author, who has been assisted by a number of experts, deals not only with the diseases of the ageing but also with many geriatric problems—hygiene, hobbies, medico-legal questions, surgery, anaesthesia, alcohol, etc. This important subject is one which should receive greater attention from the profession and this valuable treatise with its wealth of information can be thoroughly recommended.

Leprosy. By Sir Leonard Rogers, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S., F.R.S., I.M.S., and Ernest Muir, C.I.E., M.D., F.R.C.S.E. Third Edition. Pp. xii+280, with 88 maps, charts and illustrations. Bristol: John Wright & Sons Ltd. 1946. Price 25s. net.

This book is familiar to all interested in diseases of tropical climates and the third edition, appearing six years after the last, will receive the welcome due to a standard and authoritative work. The general arrangement is that of the second edition but with elaboration of certain important points and a number of additions, notably on the improved technique for the lepromin test and the trial of new and promising drugs in treatment. All aspects of the disease are treated in a manner calculated to afford the maximum of information in the minimum of space. The text is supported by 88 maps, figures and reproductions of photographs. The value of the latter is enhanced by the inclusion of illustrations of lesions liable to be mistaken for leprosy. The book should be read and studied by all workers in tropical countries, with particular attention to Chapter XV on diagnosis and Chapters XVII and XVIII on treatment.

Physicians Handbook. By J. Larkentin, Ph.D., M.D., and J. D. Lange, M.S., M.D. Fourth Edition. Pp. 282. Chicago: University Medical Publishers. 1946. Price $1.50.

The recent advances in medical knowledge have been included in this little book and so brought the fourth edition completely up-to-date. This handbook summarises clearly and concisely modern diagnostic procedures and other data and is a most useful little reference book for the physician.

Laboratory Instructions in Biochemistry. By I. S. Kleiner and L. B. Dotti. Second Edition. Pp. 245. London: Henry Kimpton. 1946. Price 30s. net.

Half the pages in this script are left blank for the purposes of student notes. The instructions given assume quite a fair knowledge of organic and physical chemistry; and a considerable amount of time available for the practice of biochemistry. Much of the text is devoted to descriptions of standard biochemical methods, and few of the qualitative tests are interpreted. The student must, therefore, have a good, sound biochemical textbook to hand which makes the "Laboratory Instructions" appear rather superfluous.