NEW EDITIONS

Theory and Practice of Nursing. By M. A. Gullan, S.R.N. Sixth Edition. Pp. xvi+240, illustrated. London: H. K. Lewis. 1952. Price 18s. net.

The original aim of this book "to be suggestive rather than exhaustive in character" is well maintained in the new edition. Methods of carrying out intravenous infusions, gastric aspiration, modern test-meals and many other practices which are everyday occurrences in the life of a student nurse are not even suggested! "Brandy for continuous effect," "brandy for rapid stimulation," "turpentine in egg yolk" for an enema, 100-120 gm. of protein in a normal diet, "mercurial inunctions to treat syphilis" are only a few of the statements which suggest a pre-war age.

There is much detailed information regarding local applications: all varieties of enemata: means to induce perspiration. These treatments are included in the State Examination syllabus, and as a reference book for these unfamiliar procedures, a copy in the nurses' library would be useful.

Textbook of the Nursing and Diseases of Sick Children for Nurses. Edited by A. Moncrieff, M.D., F.R.C.P. Fifth Edition. Pp. xiv+770, with 161 illustrations. London: H. K. Lewis. 1952. Price 37s. 6d. net.

In the five years which have passed since the last edition of this book appeared there have been many new ideas and discoveries in the field of medicine and these have necessitated alterations in nursing procedures. To meet these changes, the editor of this well-known composite textbook has introduced some new authors, and previous contributors have revised and rewritten their chapters. Sections on thoracic surgery, medico-social work and speech training are some of the new additional features which help to make this volume a veritable library of consolidated knowledge on all that pertains to the care and nursing of sick children.

Applied Physiology. By Samson Wright. Ninth Edition. Pp. 1190, with 688 illustrations. London: Oxford University Press. 1952. Price 50s. net.

With the collaboration of Professor Maizels and Dr Jepson, this old favourite has undergone a major revision which will ensure that its popularity is maintained for a long time. This edition is put forward as "virtually a new book," a claim amply justified by extensive rearrangements and modernisation of a large proportion of the material and frequently of the nomenclature, of which endless examples could be given. As previously, the whole field of physiology is covered, being enlivened by explanations and points of clinical application so that different grades of students will find their requirements amply met.

Cowdry's Problems of Ageing. Edited by A. I. Lansing, Ph.D. Third Edition. Pp. xxiv+1061, with 215 figures. Baltimore: Williams & Wilkins. 1952. Price 114s. net.

The problem of ageing is an interesting study and deserves more attention from a greater number of doctors than at present it apparently receives. Ageing is as truly a physiological process as is growth. Dr Lansing and his forty-eight contributors have produced a volume which is intensely interesting and stimulating. The main approach in each section has been through the study of physiology and frank pathological states have not been considered. It is essentially a book for the clinician, but the scientist will also find much food for thought. The lists of references indicate how wide has been the search and the authors are to be complimented on producing such an excellent book, factual, critical and readable.
NEW EDITIONS

Child Health. "The Practitioner Handbooks." Edited by ALAN MONCRIEFF, M.D., F.R.C.P., and WILLIAM A. R. THOMSON, M.D. Second Edition. Pp. 264. London: Eyre & Spottiswoode (Publishers) Ltd. 1952. Price 21s.

The aim of the contributors and editors of this book is to bring before the practitioners of medicine the facts concerning the preventive medical care, both physical and mental, of children in health, and to depict the services available in this country for the accomplishment.

This new edition brings the book up to date. There is much useful information in its pages, although there are many rather dogmatic statements regarding treatment which could well have been omitted from this type of work.

The information and advice relevant to the care of children inflicted by impairment of hearing, sight and physical defects is particularly valuable and the book as a whole deserves the attention of the practitioner as well as that of the young paediatrician.

Architectural Principles in Arthrodesis. By H. A. BRITTAiN. Second Edition. Pp. xi+196, with 257 illustrations (9 in full colour). Edinburgh: E. & S. Livingstone. 1952. Price 42s. net.

The second edition of Brittain’s well-known book on arthrodesis contains a lot of improvements on the first and the descriptions of operations are more detailed and helpful. His operation of hip arthrodesis is now generally accepted and is one of the most successful, although most surgeons will have less courage than the author and prefer a posterior approach. The reviewer still uses the blind method and without any unpleasant sequelae. Arthrodesis of the wrist has been modified and the new one looks sounder. Naughton Dunn’s stabilisation of the foot is fully described and the author has extended the indications for it when he uses it in the painful subtalar arthritis following a comminuted fracture of the calcaneus. He describes a straight incision for this operation, but shows a curved one in his picture. The operation for arthrodesis of the first carpo-metacarpal joint is not very convincing, nor are some of the X-rays. The operation for fusion of the shoulder is a great advance in tuberculous disease, but in some of the other indications denudation and a nail are preferable. This and the operation on the hip might be considered in relationship with the architecture of Norwich Cathedral, but all the other operations have little analogy with these sacred precincts.

This new edition will be eagerly read and enjoyed by all who know Brittain.

Physicians’ Handbook. By MARCUS A. KRUPP, M.D., NORMAN J. SWEET, M.D., ERNEST JAWETZ, PH.D., M.D., and CHARLES D. ARMSTRONG, M.D. Pp. 380, with 89 illustrations. Los Altos, California, Lange Medical Publishers. 1952. Price $2.50.

This book justifies the authors’ description as a concise collection of useful procedures and factual data. It contains much information both practical and theoretical. The content is uniformly good and there is a convenient rapid index. This edition has been carefully brought up to date and can be thoroughly recommended.

Aids to Surgery. By R. C. B. LEDLIE and M. HARMER. Eighth Edition. Pp. viii+352, with 23 figures. London: Baillière, Tindall & Cox. Price 7s. 6d. net.

This handbook has been thoroughly revised and gives a good outline of present-day surgical teaching. It contains a surprising amount of information in small compass.

The student will find this book of help in the rapid revision and arrangement of his knowledge, and for this purpose it can be thoroughly recommended.
**BOOKS RECEIVED**

*Fundamentals of Neurology.* By Ernest Gardner, M.D. Second Edition. Pp. xii+359, with 142 illustrations. London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1952. Price 24s.

This book, written by the Professor of Anatomy at Wayne University College of Medicine, Detroit, admirably fulfils its expressed purpose to present neurology as a series of basic concepts, which can be the basis of more detailed studies of specific phases of the subject.

It sets forth both the anatomy and physiology of the nervous system in a most lucid fashion and will serve the reader, student and post-graduate alike, as an excellent foundation on which to build the structure of clinical neurology.

It is copiously illustrated with simple, clear diagrams and photomicrographs. No difficulty is encountered with the American terminology; this useful little book is completed with short bibliographical notes on the leading figures in neurology whose names are mentioned in the text.

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