

as the reviewer (who does hypnosis on the NHS)—the wife will soon put a stop to it! Next there is a short chapter on hypnoanalysis for the general practitioner with useful tips and a guide on the pit-falls for the novice. There follow sections on anaesthesia, the use of hypnosis in paediatrics, in gynaecology and obstetrics and a final chapter on hypnosis in dermatology.

The authors show, by careful selection of cases, how hypnosis might be used, for it is still somewhat an empirical skill. There is an excellent reference section at the end of each chapter. I suppose the reviewer ought to be annoyed when a paragraph in the book dealing with his two papers so misspells his name that he did not realize his work was quoted until later. This book should become one of the most popular handbooks on the subject.

**Sex and its problems.** Edited by WILLIAM A. R. THOMSON, M.D. Edinburgh and London. E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. 1968. Pp. v + 90. Price 15s. 0d.

The cover of this book is misleading. Just another book on sex in the popular idiom? It is in fact a serious approach by professional writers. The articles appeared in *The Practitioner* in 1967 and are now published in book form. Impotence, frigidity, infertility, sexual adjustment to the climacteric, disorders of sex in the elderly are dealt with in a clear and helpful manner and for these articles alone this book will prove useful to the general practitioner. Sexual problems of the adolescent are given a refreshingly objective evaluation. Sexual abnormalities, homosexuality, perversion and artificial insemination are well covered. Although not common problems the general practitioner should be well informed and alerted to the dangers of delayed diagnosis, particularly in the field of sexual abnormalities.

#### Books received

**Depression—a Christian's experience.** Falcon Booklet. London. The Church Pastoral-Aid Society. 1968. Pp. 27. Price 1s. 6d.

**Psychosocial nursing. Studies from the Cassell Hospital.** Edited by ELIZABETH BARNES. London, New York, Sydney, Toronto, Wellington. 1968. Pp. xx + 316. Price 27s. 6d.

**Intra-uterine devices: Physiological and clinical aspects.** Technical Report Series No. 397. Geneva. World Health Organization. 1968. Pp. 32. Price 4s. 0d.

**Medical radiation physics. Report of a joint IAEA/WHO expert committee.** Technical Report Series No. 390. Geneva. World Health Organization. 1968. Pp. 19. Price 4s. 0d.

**Streptococcal and staphylococcal infections.** Technical Report Series No. 394. Geneva. World Health Organization. 1968. Pp. 56. Price 6s. 0d.

