

Case Studies in Anatomy. ERNEST LACHMAN, M.D. London and New York. Oxford University Press. 1965. Pp. xii+238. Price 24s.

Ernest Lachman is professor and chairman of the department of anatomy and consultant professor of radiology at the University of Oklahoma. At one time he held an appointment as assistant physician and assistant chief in radiology at the Rudolf Virchow Hospital in Berlin.

In this book he has brought together 30 clinical cases and used them as pegs on which to hang lessons in anatomy, embracing the head and neck, the thoracic, abdominal and pelvic viscera, the arm and the leg. In writing it he has mainly had in mind, as he explains in the preface, first and second-year students of medicine who are embarking on their clinical course. A knowledge of basic anatomy in interpreting the signs and symptoms of diseases undoubtedly adds interest and understanding to the approach of the student to medicine and surgery. Within its necessarily limited and electric field, he will find this book a sound guide to the clinical significance of much that he has learned, and perhaps already forgotten, in the dissecting room. Clinicians of more mature experience will also read this book with advantage if they wish to refresh their knowledge of a science which they are apt to neglect, but which is basic to much of their practice. It is illustrated with line drawings and is very reasonably priced.

Having a Baby. Third edition. J. F. ROBINSON, M.B., Ch.B. Edinburgh and London. E. & S. Livingstone. 1965. Pp. viii+108. Price 8s. 6d.

This little book is designed by a general practitioner, in the light of the questions so often asked by patients, to give the expectant parent the basic knowledge she requires. It was first published in 1954 and has required little revision, this third edition being 16 pages longer and having one additional chapter, on baby's sleeping and breathing, in addition to those on anatomy, the menstrual cycle, contraception, sterility, antenatal care, exercises, relaxation, growth and development, labour, analgesia and feeding the baby. For its size it is quite comprehensive, but there are minor omissions, for instance, the hymen from the chapter on anatomy and the possibility of seeing both doctor and midwife at the surgery for antenatal care. The book is easily readable and will be understood by almost everyone. The material is non-controversial and although other doctors may not endorse every detail, few will take strong exception to any part of it. If a general practitioner wishes to advise patients to obtain a book of this sort, or wishes to keep one or two copies to loan, this one will suit his purpose admirably.

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Fellowship Examination Papers for the Diplomas of The College of Surgeons Edinburgh 1960-1965. Edinburgh. E. & S. Livingstone Ltd., 1966. Pp. i+48. Price 5s. 6d.