broad and deep approach makes the practice of medicine more interesting and more staisfying for the doctor because diagnosis, treatment and prevention all become more effective".

The first two chapters of the first edition have been expanded into three and two new chapters on crying and sleep problems have been added. The sections on asthma and enuresis have also been rewritten. To compensate for these additions much of the language of the text has been made more simple and direct, an improvement on what was good before. The references have been expanded into a bibliography. This book is not only about children. By knowing a child thoroughly we know those around him also.

Obstetrics and gynaecology. Eighth edition. Edited by SIR DUGALD BAIRD, M.D., D.P.H., F.R.C.O.G. Edinburgh and London. E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. 1969. Pp. vii + 950. Price £7 10s. 0d.

This eighth edition of Scotland's textbook of obstetrics and gynaecology originates mainly from Aberdeen which has supplied eight of the 16 contributors including the editor. Of the rest, three are from Edinburgh, two from Glasgow, one from Dundee and two from Newcastle and Manchester across the border but both trained in Scotland.

As expected in a 10 in. by 7 in. 950-page book weighing five pounds, every aspect of the subject is included from anatomy and physiology onwards. There are chapters on obstetrics in the tropics, family planning, psychological aspects and statistics from which, under Sir Dugald's editorship, no fanciful conclusions are drawn. Medico-legal considerations include the 1967 abortion bill of which a realistic and liberal view is taken. Sterility embraces investigation and treatment of male sterility, a subject on which advice is so often hard to obtain.

Illustration is profuse and of good quality. The text is clearly written and can be read and understood quickly and easily. To the general practitioner the book will be for reference rather than cover to cover reading. As such it can be strongly recommended to all who wish to keep on their shelves a comprehensive and authoritative guide to all aspects of modern obstetrics and gynaecology.

Livingstone's pocket medical dictionary. Eleventh edition. Edited by NANCY ROPER, S.R.N., R.S.C.N., R.N.T. Edinburgh and London. E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. 1969. Pp. xvi+590. Price 9s. 6d.

At 9s. 6d. this is an invaluable dictionary for use by medical secretaries and practitioners. The new edition has been brought up to date on poisons and on new drugs. Proprietary names are included with their official pseudonyms.

The negligent doctor. Medical malpractice in and out of hospitals and what can be done about it. CHARLES KRAMER. New York. Crown Publishers Inc. 1968. Pp. 255. Price $5.95.

We have been told that those who practise in the United States will not stop at the scene of an accident, because should they do so they will assuredly be summonsed for negligence. This book is written by an American lawyer who specializes in the subject of malpractice. As the blurb says "the author's successes—often blazing the way for proper prosecution of malpractice — include dramatic cases. . ." And the subheading of the book, 'Medical malpractice in and out of practice and what can be done about it' describes the contents which are in effect a description in the style of Perry Mason of a number of cases in which the writer has prosecuted doctors for various surgical errors. Any young surgeon, or physician for that matter, considering emigrating to the States should read this book first. Maybe he will find reason to think that practice in this country has its good points.

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Urban air pollution with particular reference to motor vehicles. World Health Organization Technical Report Series No. 410. Geneva. WHO. 1969. Pp. 53. Price 6s. 0d.

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Chelation in medicine. Part I—The theory and practice of chelation in cancer. An account of twelve years experience in the treatment of cancer by cadmium. J. J. RYAN, B.A., M.B., B.S., F.R.A.C.S. Brisbane.