

writing is almost in note form. This allows the reader to get at the true meat of the book and saves a great deal of time. The tabulated summaries are a great help and make quick reference easy. This is clearly the book of a practising doctor who is clear thinking and has a wide knowledge. It is an excellent acquisition for the general practitioner.

**Modern Trends in Orthopaedics—Fracture Treatment.** JOHN M. P. CLARK, M.B.E., M.B., F.R.C.S. London Butterworth, 1962. Pp. v + 259. Price 60s.

This multiple author book covers a wide field, and though at first sight it might appear more suitable for the practising orthopaedic surgeon than the general practitioner, the latter will find that it contains a wealth of material that will be useful to him in his daily work. Patients and their relatives usually discuss the treatment carried out in hospitals with their family doctor and it is very necessary that he should be conversant with modern methods of treatment.

The field covered by the various authors is wide and ranges from multiple injuries and the organization of accident services to the treatment of spinal injuries and the intelligent psychological handling of the latter.

The editor has chosen his authors well and the whole book presents a highly competent picture of the present day treatment of fractures. It is, in addition, a most readable work.

**Ross's Post-Mortem Appearances.** D. M. PRICE, M.D., and C. F. ROSS, M.D., Sixth edition. Lond., N.Y. and Toronto. Oxford University Press. 1963. Pp. ix + 336. Price 27s. 6d.

The present edition, as stated in the preface, is primarily designed for the undergraduate and the trainee-pathologist. For the latter it could hardly be bettered, with its admirable layout, clear descriptions and lists of references at the end of every section, and suggestions for further reading at the end of many. There are, moreover, ten useful appendices, ranging from Anatomical Normals to the handling of Radioactive Cadavers. But it is very doubtful whether the average undergraduate will add the study of this book to his already overburdened curriculum.

The hope is expressed in the preface that the section on post-mortem technique will be found useful by those who may be called upon to perform the occasional autopsy, but this hope is not likely to be realized. This section is far too discursive for the amateur to follow, with his book of instructions propped open on the cadaver; he would be losing his place all the time. To be of value to him, this section should be tabulated. (Query: Are the amateur pathologist's findings of much value?)

**Water, Electrolyte and Acid-Base Balance.** HARRY F. WEISBERG, M.D. Baltimore. The Williams and Wilkins Company. 1962. Pp. vii + 533. Price 5 guineas.

This book is an interesting combination of the sublime and the ridiculous, in that it contains a thorough handling of the many factors which