

dence published by Oxford Medical Publications in 1910, he says:

"I find amongst my notes (page 664), 39 cases of whom 31 were girls. Five of these 39 cases were brought for this habit when under the age of 12 months, and six in the second year; the youngest was eight months old when brought . . ." He continues, ". . . the manifestations of this habit are so often unrecognized by medical men. . . ."

We do get asked about these problems in family practice, and I wonder why "masturbation in children" was not included in the chapter "Everyday Questions". It is important to discredit the old wives' stories about the awful disasters and consequences and which make children and parents ill with worry and anxiety.

I asked my colleague in general practice to read this book. She says: ". . . as a recently-qualified doctor who has just entered general practice, I found this book most informative and pleasant to read. The usual everyday questions asked by mothers and their answers, which are not taught to the medical student, are most clearly dealt with in this book. I would certainly recommend this book for anyone entering general practice."

This book which is thoroughly excellent should be read by everyone who may be called upon to give an opinion on the health and development of infants and young children.

The book is retailed at 50s. In spite of its excellence, it is a lot of money for those of us who cannot resist buying rather than borrowing a book. Isn't it time that medical publishers considered the issue of paper back editions? I would buy many copies for my younger (and older) colleagues.

**Growth and Development in Childhood.** ANDREW BOGDAN, M.D., M.R.C.P.E., D.C.H. Published for the author by Anstick's Medical Bookshop. Leeds. 1962. Pp. i + 21. Price 3s. 6d.

This is the third of the paediatric series of these publications, which are designed to guide the student in his studies. The paper-covered booklet contains the text on the left-hand pages and the right-hand pages are available for notes.

Dr Bogdan has found this a valuable system when teaching his students, and others may well do so. There are useful tables of developmental milestones and height-weight tables.

**The Development of the Infant and Young Child.** R. S. ILLINGWORTH, M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.C.H. Second edition. London and Edinburgh. E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. 1963. Pp. iii + 357. Price 30s.

As a revised edition of this book has been necessary within three years of its first appearance we get some idea of the many advances in the subject matter.

Professor Illingworth has written much elsewhere on the subject in as far as it affects the general practitioner or paediatrician, with extreme clarity. The layout is excellent with many photographs and diagrams.