

Relevant case material from the author's own clinic is used to illustrate the complex nature of problems in this field. A chapter on the basic techniques used in examining children is particularly to be noted, as well as a rewritten chapter describing mistakes that can be made in the assessment of a young child's development.

Parents these days take an especial interest in the development of their own children and expect assistance from the family doctor. This book has no rival for a place on our shelves and is most reasonably priced.

The Normal and Abnormal Unipolar Electrocardiogram in Infants and Children. R. H. WASSERBURGER, M.D., Baltimore. The Williams and Wilkins Company. 1963. Pp. ix + 154. Price 76s.

The first half of this book is an analysis of electrocardiographic data on 1,150 infants and children from birth to the age of 14 years. 259,915 individual measurements were made, providing, in the author's words, a veritable statistical "Garden of Eden". It is a complete description of the gradual changes which occur until the adult electrocardiographic patterns are assumed . . . that is, until the infantile right ventricular dominance is replaced by the normal adult left ventricular dominance. Without such a standard of normality it is difficult to interpret the abnormal electrocardiogram in children.

The second half of the book is a description of abnormal electrocardiograms in children, and examples of every kind of abnormality are shown and analysed. Most of the electrocardiograms are made with an Elema electrocardiograph and these are difficult to reproduce; one has the impression, perhaps wrongly, that many have been filled in with black ink by hand. Otherwise, the book is well produced and although there is no index individual items are not difficult to find. It is primarily designed for the consultant cardiologist or paediatrician but any doctor who does his own electrocardiography will find it useful. It is a book which may become a standard work of reference.

Electrocardiography. RICHARD W. D. TURNER, O.B.E., M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.P.E. Edinburgh and London. E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. 1963. Pp. viii + 155. Price 20s.

This small book is a reprint, with an additional chapter, of a series of articles originally published in *The Practitioner* during 1962. Dr Turner makes it clear in his introduction that he has definite reservations about general practitioners undertaking electrocardiography, but has nevertheless gone on to produce a work which should be of considerable value to the growing number of general practitioners who do so.

Despite its small size there are no major omissions, and the commoner and more important abnormalities are described in great detail with clear explanations of the genesis of the relevant cardiographs. The wide range of normality and the inherent limitations of electrocardiography are stressed, and there is a strong clinical bias throughout—especially apparent