

The effects of mental and physical fatigues are dealt with.

The subject matter includes a chapter on the hazards which face the desk-bound executive from lack of exercise and seems to stretch the concept of industrial injuries rather far.

The sections on rehabilitation and resettlement stress the importance of the emotional factors involved. True rehabilitation includes the solution or at least mitigation of any concurrent socio-economic problems created by the injury.

Other sections deal with strains, sprains, contusions, abrasions, fractures, dislocations and skin sepsis.

The final sections deal with the role of the industrial physiotherapist and nurse to whom this book is most appropriate, but it could also be recommended to any non-medical reader who has to deal with the problems of industrial injuries though a section on the current organization of accident services would have been useful.

The price will tend to restrict the sale of the book.

Outline of Fractures. JOHN CRAWFORD ADAMS, M.D., F.R.C.S. Fourth edition. Edinburgh and London. E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. 1964. Pp. viii + 303. Price 30s.

This is an excellent book and the fact that a fourth edition is now issued is evidence of the popularity of previous editions and the admirable desire of the author to keep the book up to date with modern orthopaedic practice. It is claimed to be a book for medical students and general practitioners who are not necessarily called upon to treat fractures but who should understand the mechanisms, diagnosis and methods of treatment. It is also recommended for physiotherapists.

This task is performed admirably since the book is written concisely and dogmatically without completely neglecting alternative methods. It is lavishly illustrated with diagrams and x-ray pictures. These x-ray pictures are particularly worthy of mention since it is obvious they have been selected with much care and greatly reinforce the already lucid text. The student of today is indeed fortunate to have the work of an author who can, with a minimum of words and the painstaking collection of illustrations, make the difficult subject of fractures easy to read and understand.

It is a book that should be in every medical student's library and possessed by all who have to treat or deal with injuries. The excellent references and bibliography that has been added to this edition greatly enhances the value of this book for those who propose to study further this important subject.

Textbook of Medical Treatment. Various Authors. Edited by SIR DERRICK DUNLOP, B.A., M.D., F.R.C.P., SIR STANLEY DAVIDSON, B.A., M.D., F.R.C.P., LL.D., and STANLEY ALSTEAD, C.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P. Ninth edition. Edinburgh and London. E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. 1964. Pp. xviii + 979. Price 65s.

Since its first publication in 1939 this work has always been a favourite

with general practitioners. Now in its ninth edition it retains its freshness though changes have again been made. The section on skin has been rewritten by Dr A. Lyell who has succeeded in producing a very clear account of a difficult subject. Other newly written chapters are on Antibiotics and Chemotherapy, Common Disorders in Infancy, Nutritional Disorders and Renal Diseases. In spite of all this the number of pages has been reduced slightly.

Modifications and new techniques and treatments have been added where necessary. It would seem from scanning its pages that this book is still intended primarily for the general practitioner, and it ably achieves its purpose.

The Principles and Practice of Medicine. SIR STANLEY DAVIDSON, B.A., M.D., F.R.C.P., LL.D., F.R.S. and past and present members of the staff of the Department of Medicine, University of Edinburgh, and associated clinical units. Seventh edition. Edinburgh and London. E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. 1964. Pp. xii + 1,262. Price 37s. 6d.

Tropical Diseases. Supplement to *The Principles and Practice of Medicine.* SIR ALEXANDER BIGGAM and FREDERICK J. WRIGHT. Seventh edition. Edinburgh and London. E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. 1964. Pp. 1,263 to 1,417. Price 10s. 6d.

After two years another edition (the seventh) of Davidson has arrived. This so-easy-to-handle and so-easy-to-refer-to book needs no introduction. The editor tells us that sales are over 200,000, a really remarkable achievement. This edition, unlike the last, has been added to considerably and Sir Stanley Davidson has rewritten and enlarged the chapter on Nutritional Disorders.

Another innovation is the provision of a separate supplement on Tropical Diseases by the late Sir Alexander Biggam and Dr Frederick J. Wright. Here in 150 pages those diseases usually met with only in the tropics are well, if briefly, described. Those conditions such as malaria, amoebiasis, enteric fever and smallpox which are not infrequently encountered in this country and in temperate climates, are still included in the main volume.

The main volume has increased by 156 pages to 1,262 pages of text, and selling at 37s. 6d. is undoubtedly the best value in medical textbooks.

Current Diagnosis and Treatment. HENRY BRAINERD, M.D., SHELDON MARGEN, M.D. and MILTON J. CHATTON, M.D., and associated authors. Los Altos, California, Lange Medical Publications, and Oxford, Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1964. Lithographed in U.S.A. Pp. i + 870. Price \$9.50 (72s.).

Although it is not mentioned on the verso of the title page, this book was first published in 1962 and new editions have appeared under the titles *Current Diagnosis and Treatment 1963* and now *Current Diagnosis and Treatment 1964*. The book is thus revised annually and will continue to be prepared for distribution in January of each year. To cut down costs the text is lithographed and the book is bound in stiff paper covers.

Diseases are discussed by organ classification, and further chapters