

## **Book Review**

**GERIATRIC NURSING.** Third edition. By Kathleen Newton, R.N., M.A. St. Louis, 1960, The C. V. Mosby Company. Pp. 483, indexed. Price \$6.50.

This text, as was also true of the two previous editions, serves to bring to personnel engaged in the nursing care of elderly persons two aspects of these services. The first deals with some general background considerations of the subject, such as the sociopsychologic needs of older persons, problems of their housing during health and in illness, desirable attitudes and skills for nurses in this field of practice, and such general needs of geriatric patients as those related to general hygiene and nutrition.

Two chapters have been added to this first section of the book, one dealing with rehabilitation and the nurse's role in this phase of care and the second with care of geriatric patients in their own homes. The need for careful preparation of patients and of their families for home care before the patient's release from hospitalization together with the desirable methods for providing this care are effectively explained.

The remaining chapters of the book consider the second aspect, the nursing care appropriate for elderly patients with specific disease conditions. Each chapter concerns itself with the diseases associated with each of the anatomic systems of the body. Although there are no major changes or additions in this section of the book, there are minor revisions in wording and some additional paragraphs in each chapter.

The reference list at the end of each chapter includes medical texts and articles from a variety of medical and nursing journals. Pamphlets available from governmental agencies and private organizations are also included.

It is to be expected that a book of 465 pages must present only a limited discussion of each subject, but the material seems to have been selected on the basis of the most specific needs of nurses who are providing care for geriatric patients.

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