

Colostomy Care. By BETTY HUGHES, Sydney, N.S.W., and EDWARD WILSON, M.D., M.S., M.Sc., F.R.C.S., Sydney, N.S.W. $8\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ in. Pp. 70, with 37 illustrations. 1967. Sydney, Australia: Australasian Medical Publishing Company Limited. \$A.2.00.

THIS small book contains the combined experience of a nursing sister and a surgeon. Both have a matured background of actual observation of colostomy and ileostomy cases.

This book has been written for those people who have a colostomy and for those concerned with the care of patients with a colostomy.

The authors have done their work well and have shown, in no uncertain fashion, that colostomy patients can live useful and cheerful lives.

The various problems such as the regulation of a colostomy, colostomy care, and the varied dressings which may be used in colostomy cases are discussed at length.

The illustrations throughout the book are excellent.

Although written for the lay public, there can be no doubt that nurses and students will benefit greatly from reading this book.

Progress in Lymphology. Proceedings of the International Symposium on Lymphology, Zürich, Switzerland, July 19-23, 1966. Edited by A. RÜTTIMANN, Zürich. $10\frac{1}{4} \times 7$ in. Pp. 425 + xvi, with 470 illustrations and 4 colour plates. 1967. Stuttgart: Georg Thieme. D.M.148.

THIS large volume contains the proceedings of the International Symposium of Lymphology which was held at Zürich, Switzerland, in July, 1966.

This symposium may be looked upon as an excellent example of international co-operation. Many scientists, medical clinicians, zoologists, and veterinary surgeons have taken part in the lectures presented and in the many discussions that have followed these presentations.

Every facet of the problem of lymphatics, tumours of lymphatic tissues, and the treatment of these conditions has been discussed. The lymphangiograms of excellent quality, depicting practically all known lymphatic glands, are interesting and prove that this method of investigation is well worth while.

It must be admitted that the lymphatic system as a whole has been given little attention so far. This volume should whet the appetites of all those who are now interested in the many and varied problems of lymphatic obstruction and enlargement, especially in the field of malignant disease.

Companion to Surgery in Africa. By W. W. DAVEY, M.D., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.S.I., F.A.C.S., Professor of Surgery, University of Ibadan, 1958-64. $9\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ in. Pp. 356 + xx. Illustrated. 1968. Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. 90s.

THIS comprehensive surgical volume, dealing, in the main, with surgery in the tropics, has been edited by Professor Davey who has had many contributors on special subjects to help him: S. C. Brown who has an international reputation as an authority on leprosy, Denis Burkitt who also has a special reputation concerning Burkitt's tumour, and Peter Clifford, of Nairobi, who is doing such excellent work in cancer research and is an expert with cancer of the nasopharynx. Besides these there are many others who have helped in the many and varied surgical conditions which are found in Africa. Snake bites, mycetoma, cancrum oris, amoebiasis, helminthoma, and chronic lymphoedema are but some of the important subjects which are considered in detail in this book.

Perhaps the most outstanding feature in this volume is the profusion and excellence of the illustrations. Many of

the line drawings are original and they make a definite impact on the reader.

This is a book that should be read by all surgeons who are contemplating working in the developing countries in Africa, for it contains such a mine of information that is not present in other books on surgery.

This book should prove very popular and it deserves to be so.

A Short Textbook of Orthopaedics and Traumatology. By J. N. ASTON, M.B., F.R.C.S., Orthopaedic Surgeon, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London. $8\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ in. Pp. 307, with 167 illustrations. 1967. London: The English Universities Press Ltd. Paperback, 27s. 6d.; Library edition, 40s.

THIS is a well-written and practical paperback which gives the student the basic facts concerning orthopaedic surgery in all its forms. 'Traumatology' seems a difficult word to digest, but no doubt it will be absorbed into the ever-increasing volume of medical names in use both in America and in this country. The great attraction of this pocket-size book is the number of original drawings which illustrate it. It is always stimulating to see good, original, and clear illustrations. The modern student has no cause to complain that his books of study are beyond his resources.

Books such as this are really good and cheap.

Surgery in Infancy and Childhood. By WALLACE M. DENNISON, M.D. (Glasg.), F.R.C.S. (Edin.), F.R.C.S. (Glasg.), Barclay Lecturer in Surgery in Relation to Infancy and Childhood, University of Glasgow. Second edition. $8\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ in. Pp. 597 + xvi, with 340 illustrations. Edinburgh: E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. 70s.

THE second edition of this very comprehensive work on surgery in children is published within 10 years of the first. Matthew White, the senior editor of the first edition, died in 1964 so this second edition is the work of Wallace Dennison. However, he has been able to make use of some of his colleagues in Glasgow to write special chapters.

The special feature of this volume is the abundance and the excellence of the illustrations. These illustrations, be they line drawings, clinical photographs, X-rays, or coloured blocks, are all beautifully reproduced.

There can be no doubt that this is an excellent handbook for medical students, junior hospital staff, and general practitioners. Sister tutors in children's hospitals will find this book invaluable.

Milestones in Midwifery. By WALTER RADCLIFFE, M.A. (Camb.), M.B., B.Chir. (Camb.), M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.). $9\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ in. Pp. 120, with 15 illustrations. 1967. Bristol: John Wright & Sons Ltd. 25s.

THIS paperback contains a mine of information concerning the history of midwifery. The author must have burnt the midnight oil in order to collect such a fascinating account of the role of midwifery over the centuries.

Although midwifery has been practised since time began, the mortality from childbirth has varied from time to time.

The author recounts the early lying-in hospitals and their drawbacks and high mortality and brings the reader down to present-day methods.

An excellent illustrated account of the development of the obstetric forceps makes fascinating reading.

The details of early Caesarean sections are of real interest.

The book is well illustrated with plates and line drawings. Students and nurses will find much to interest them in this book.

An excellent production and cheap at its price.