

HOMBRO DOLOROSO (THE PAINFUL SHOULDER). By Carlos E. de ANQUIN, University of Cordoba, Argentina. $9\frac{1}{4} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ in. Pp. 346, with 113 figures. Index. 1953. Cordoba (R.A.): Lutz, Ferrando y Cia, S.A.

The literature of the painful shoulder has been increased by a new contribution, this time from Argentina. This monograph is based on the study of 157 cases from the Orthopaedic and Traumatological Service of the Military Hospital, Cordoba, and includes an extensive review of the literature, particularly that of the United States of America, but does not exclude a good number of references to the British and French contributions. The classification adopted in the analysis follows in its main lines that of Codman and De Palma. As in the majority of recent works, emphasis is placed on tendinitis of the long head of the biceps in the production of painful and frozen shoulders, but a detailed account is included of the supraspinatus syndrome and subdeltoid bursitis. Visualisation of the joint by injection of contrast material is recommended and about fifty of the patients have had arthrograms. Some extrinsic causes of shoulder pain are studied, particularly those due to changes in the cervical vertebral column. Reference is made to the cervical rib and scalene syndromes, but there is no detailed description of surgical methods, this being more a book to help in the diagnosis and general management of the patients than a work on surgical techniques. Although much is not new, the book is worth reading and, with that of Merchan Gonzalez (see review in this Journal, 1952, 34-B, 338), is among the best in Spanish.—J. TRUETA.

SHOULDER LESIONS. By H. F. MOSELEY, D.M., M.Ch. (Oxon), F.R.C.S., F.A.C.S., Hunterian Professor, Royal College of Surgeons of England; Assistant Professor of Surgery, McGill University; Associate Surgeon, Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal. With contributions by Francis L. McNaughton, M.S., M.D., Carleton B. Peirce, M.Sc., M.D., F.A.C.P., and Jean Bouchard, M.D., D.M.R.E., Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal. Second edition. $10\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$ in. Pp. 329, with 216 figures and 41 colour plates by Helen MacArthur, B.A. Index. 1953. London, Toronto, Melbourne, Sydney and Wellington: Cassell and Company Limited. Price 90s.

Proper understanding of diseases and disorders has been slower of achievement at the shoulder than at almost any other site in the body, and even now, in spite of an accelerating volume of publications, several problems remain but little understood. Dr Moseley has made the shoulder his particular field, and the first edition of his book published in 1947 was welcomed, not so much because of its original contributions, but because of the orderly presentation of material carefully selected from the great mass of undigested (and often indigestible) literature. It was an intelligent selection based on his personal experience, and so ably was it made that he has not had to contradict in the second edition any important statement made in the first. The second edition is in every way a more mature and balanced contribution. The same plan of presentation has been retained, and, although two new chapters have been added, he has wisely avoided producing a mere catalogue of present knowledge on all aspects of shoulder lesions. Injuries and diseases of the rotator cuff, and injuries of the bones composing the shoulder are covered comprehensively; but the approach to the problem of the stiff and painful shoulder is very cautious, and so it must remain until more is known.

The publishers have produced a magnificent volume containing twenty-seven really beautiful pages of colour, mostly anatomical illustrations, which will be the envy of many authors. But the book weighs more than 3 lb. and is most awkward to read. If the layout had been a little less extravagant, and if the number of the illustrations were somewhat smaller, there would have been a welcome saving both to the reader's muscles and to his pocket.—Philip WILES.

SEHNENVERLETZUNGEN UND SEHNEN-MUSKEL-TRANSPLANTATIONEN. By A. N. WITT. 10×7 in. Pp. viii + 164, with 122 figures. Index. 1953. Munich: Verlag Von J. F. Bergmann. Price DM. 32.80.

This monograph is very well produced with excellent and numerous illustrations, both clear line drawings of operative techniques and good clinical photographs, which are taken against a uniform black ground and have none of the distracting pieces of furniture which spoil many medical illustrations. The author's style is clear though, of course, there is a spate of many-syllabled words inseparable from German writings.