

BOOKS OF ORTHOPAEDIC INTEREST

Fundamental Techniques of Plastic Surgery and their Surgical Applications. By Ian A. MCGREGOR, M.B., F.R.C.S.(Eng.), F.R.F.P.S.(Glas.). Second edition. Pp. xi+286. 1962. Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. Price 32s. 6d.

This small volume was reviewed by us two years ago when the first edition was published. The fact that a second edition has been called for so soon speaks for itself.

It remains a sound and well illustrated book elaborating the principles with which every orthopaedic surgeon must be familiar.

The Disabilities and Injuries of Sport. By Sir Adolphe ABRAHAM. Foreword by Harold ABRAHAM, C.B.E. 1961. London: Elek Books Limited.

Die Wirbelsäulenleiden und ihre Differentialdiagnose. Diseases of the Vertebral Column and their Differential Diagnoses. By Prof. Dr J. E. W. BROCHER. Third edition. Pp. xii+537. 1962. Stuttgart: Georg Thieme Verlag. Price DM 128.

The second edition of this outstanding volume was reviewed in the *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*, 42-B, November 1960, p. 869.

The third edition maintains the high standards of the first and is even more richly illustrated with magnificent radiographs than the first. It remains an outstanding text-book in its field.

An Atlas of Positive Contrast Myelography. By James BULL, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P., F.F.R., and Wylie MCKISSOCK, O.B.E., M.S., F.R.C.S., with the cooperation of William H. BLOOM, M.D., K. York CHYNN, M.D., and D. Gordon POTTS, M.D. 1962. New York and London: Grune & Stratton, Inc.

La Rééducation des Traumatisés. The Re-education of the Injured. By Guy SMAL. Pp. 278. 1962. Paris: Masson et Cie. Price 25 NF.

This short and succinct book was primarily designed for the education of Congolese technicians in methods of physical medicine. It is written in a synoptic form and with illustrations on the opposing pages. It is excellently set out and may well achieve greater popularity than would be expected by its original purpose.

The Scientific Basis of Medicine Annual Reviews 1962. Edited by the British Postgraduate Medical Federation. 1962. University of London: The Athlone Press.

Die Gefäßkanäle der Kniegelenksnahen Wachstumszonen. The Vascular Canals in the Growing Zones near the Knee Joint. By Rembert WATERMANN. Pp. 62. 1961. Cologne: Kölner Universitäts-Verlag. Price DM 9.

Those working on the detailed studies of vascular development in epiphyses will be interested in this book and its numerous illustrations.

Fundamental Approach to Surgical Problems. By Lester F. WILLIAMS, Jun., M.D., and Garnet F. WYNNE, Jun., M.D. With an Introductory Chapter by Warner F. BOWERS, M.S., M.D., Ph.D. 1962. Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas, Publisher. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications Ltd.

Lumbaler Bandscheibenvorfall. Konservative und Operative Behandlung. Lumbar Intervertebral Disc Prolapse. By K.-A. JOCHHEIM, F. LOEW and A. RÜTT. Pp. 114. 1961. Berlin, Göttingen and Heidelberg: Springer-Verlag. Price DM 29.80.

This small volume is concerned chiefly with developing a rational approach to the treatment of disc injuries, and particularly with striking a balance between conservative and operative treatment. Its final conclusions would, I think, meet with general approval in this country.

The lesions are divided into lumbago, 20 per cent of all cases; disc prolapse with subjective sciatica, 62 per cent; and disc prolapse with objective neurological signs, 18 per cent. Conservative treatment is recommended in all cases as a preliminary with the exception of such severe cases as may have cauda equina symptoms, in which immediate operation is advised.

Capsular and Ligament Injuries of the Elbow Joint. A Clinical and Arthrographic Study. By Olof JOHANSSON Pp.159. 1962. Stockholm: Acta Chirurgica Scandinavica, Supplementum 287.

Anyone wishing to equate the degree of ligamentous injury with fractures or dislocations of the elbow joint can do no better than consult this volume. By means of first class arthrographs it illustrates clearly the association between bony injury and ligamentous damage around the elbow joint.