Book Reviews


Dr H. L. Jaffe is well known both to pathologists and orthopaedic surgeons from his research and writings on benign tumours of bones and joints. He and his collaborators have given us the "definitive" and often the original accounts of a number of important entities, including "osteoid osteoma," "benign chondroblastoma of bone," "chondromyxoid fibroma," "pigmented villonodular synovitis," and "fibrous dysplasia of bone."

This issue of the Bulletin of the Hospital for Joint Diseases commemorates Dr. Jaffe's twenty-five years as the Pathologist and Director of Laboratories of the Hospital. A biographical sketch of Dr. Jaffe—written by the Editor of the Bulletin, Dr. Samuel Kleinberg—prefaces the volume, which comprises thirty-four original papers covering a wide field. Pathological topics are well represented, but other subjects, including clinical orthopaedics, radiology and biochemistry, are included. The papers are the work of fifty-five distinguished contributors, from about as many laboratories and clinical departments, most of them in the U.S.A., and are written specially for the commemorative volume. A number appeared interesting and important to the present reviewer, including: "Some observations on the morphologic basis for the roentgenographic changes in childhood leukaemia," by R. H. Follis and E. A. Park; "The non-specificity of synovial reactions," by Mary S. Sherman; "Rheumatoid arthritis," by C. L. Pirani and G. A. Bennett; "Primary parathyroid hypertrophy and hyperplasia," by B. Castleman and O. Cope; "Benign chondroblastoma of bone," by C. H. Hatcher and J. C. Campbell; "New knowledge of post-fetal osteogenesis," by F. C. McLean and M. R. Urist; "Physiopathology of bone tissue," by E. Rutishauser and G. Majno; and "Chondrodystrophy calcificans congenita," by W. G. J. Putschar. Such a list indicates the scope of the volume. The issue is a very fitting tribute to a man who has made, and who continues to make, such outstanding contributions to orthopaedic pathology. —H. A. Sisson.

ORTHOPÄDISCHE-CHIRURGISCHE OPERATIONSLEHRE. By Max Lange, Director of the Orthopaedic Hospital, Bad Tolz. 11 · 8 in. Pp. xvi - 844, with 891 figures. Index. 1951. Munchen: J. Bergmann. Price DM.128

Max Lange's text-book dedicated to his famous uncle, Fritz Lange, is a remarkable achievement. This monograph is essentially a work of reference for the experienced operator, who can take his pick of the various procedures which in one country or another have for a time at least become part of the orthopaedic surgeon's repertoire. Some of the operations depicted therein—the more elaborate tendon transplants, the muscle slides, and the intricate geometrical osteotomies—play a small part in British and American orthopaedic practice. But, in a work which is international in its outlook, this catholicity is to be applauded. The time and energy involved in producing a work of this scope, profusely illustrated with line diagrams and shaded pencil drawings, without any reference to photographs or X-ray reproductions, within six years of the end of the late war, is a striking tribute to the industry of German orthopaedics. —Harry Platt.