BOOK REVIEWS

A SYNOPSIS OF ANAESTHESIA. By J. ALFRED LEE. Fourth edition. Bristol: John Wright and Sons Limited [Toronto: The Macmillan Company of Canada]. \$4.70.

THE FOURTH EDITION of Lee's *A Synopsis of Anaesthesia* has arrived at last. The seemingly long wait has been well rewarded for the author has succeeded in maintaining the high standard of the previous editions to which he has dedicated himself.

A very complete revision of the text has been carried out. Many references to recent literature bring the material very up to date, a difficult thing to do when producing a textbook of this size. Two chapters have been added, one on the phenothiazine derivatives and one on induced hypothermia. The author has considerably elaborated some chapters, in particular the chapter on anaesthesia for thoracic surgery, making reference to the new and ingenious tubes and devices used in this branch of anaesthesia. There are many new illustrations and a greater number of them are on coated stock which has made them clearer.

The chapter on "Some Anatomical and Physiological Notes" remains fundamentally as it was, and it seems difficult to improve it without increasing the size of the book. This is unfortunate for it can only really be used as a source of headings from which point the reader should consult the standard texts to complete his knowledge.

One must finally compliment the author on the very complete index to his book which is one of the best that this writer has seen.

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SYMPOSIUM ON PULMONARY VENTILATION. Edited by R. P. HARBORD and R. WOOLMER. Altrincham, Cheshire: John Sherrat & Son. 12s. 6d.

THIS MODEST VOLUME contains a verbatim report of a meeting, held under the auspices of the *British Journal of Anaesthesia*, at which British authorities on subjects related to pulmonary function presented papers, which were then discussed by the group as a whole.

Varying in standard of material, this symposium is predominately of high calibre, forming interesting reading for those already interested but not being of much value as a teaching primer.

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