

BOOK REVIEWS

A SYNOPSIS OF ANAESTHESIA by J. Alfred Lee (3rd ed.). Bristol: John Wright & Sons Limited. Price \$3.60.

This new edition of Lee's "Synopsis of Anaesthesia" brings a very excellent book up to date in the presentation of the changes in theory, the use of recently developed drugs and the accepted advances in technique.

The two new chapters on the methods of reducing bleeding during operations and on the therapeutic application of anaesthesia and analgesia are very necessary for the teaching of the young anaesthetist.

Although this edition is again called a "Synopsis" it contains 483 pages of small print of which 24 pages are index so that it could very well be called a text book

It is a most useful book for students and is a handy reference book for practicing anaesthetists. Another attractive feature is the low price.

S. M. C.

TRICHLORETHYLENE ANAESTHESIA by GORDON OSTLERE. The Macmillan Company of Canada Limited. Price \$1.30.

This volume is an excellent little monograph on trichlorethylene, covering the history of the use of the drug, the pharmacology, and its use in anaesthesia. The advantages and disadvantages of trichlorethylene are well described, and the discussion of the proper methods of using the drug is excellent. The literature on the subject has been well reviewed, and this volume is recommended to the attention both of those who have found in trichlorethylene a useful addition to the anaesthetists' armamentarium, and to those who are still dubious of its place in anaesthesia.

R. A. G.

LOCAL ANALGESIA. ABDOMINAL SURGERY by R. R. MACINTOSH AND R. BRYCE-SMITH. The Macmillan Company of Canada Limited. Price \$3.85.

The authors' declared intent to produce—"a clearly illustrated book with simple instructions"—is admirably executed in this volume. The material is presented largely in a series of excellent drawings, with the minimum of text. The authors include brief discussions of indications for local anaesthesia, drugs and their toxicity, general considerations of techniques in employing local analgesia in the abdomen, the relevant anatomical details and techniques for performance of the various local anaesthetic blocks of the abdomen.

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