

## BOOK REVIEWS

**The Child in Health and Disease.** By C. R. GRULEE and R. C. ELEY. 2nd edit. London: Baillière, Tindall & Cox. 1952. Pp. 1255, 304 figures. Price £5 14s.

The editors of this text-book comment in their preface that 'medicine is moving so rapidly that print is scarcely dry before there is something new on the subject'. Anyone who has himself contributed to a book in recent years will endorse this statement, as he sees what he thought was reasonably up-to-date becoming outmoded before it appears.

The present edition of Grulee and Eley has been expanded to cover such subjects as adoption and medical supervision of summer camps. The result is a book weighing 6 lb. 1 oz., containing contributions by 87 authors, and retailing at £5 14s.

One has the feeling, rightly or wrongly, that each author has been allocated a limited space in which to present his subject, and the result is that while something of everything known to paediatrics is included, and a great deal else besides, few subjects are considered exhaustively, while some indeed are presented almost as thumb-nail sketches. With so many authors, it is inevitable that not all the contributions reach the same standard, and while some sections are quite up-to-the-minute, others appear to have been written relatively too long ago to include the latest work on the subject.

The book is well produced and the figures are mostly clear and informative. Its weight, however, is such that the reviewer was glad to put it down.

**Advances in Pediatrics.** Vol. 5. Published by The Year Book Publishers, Inc., Chicago. Distributed in the United Kingdom by Inter-Science Publishers, Ltd. 1952. Pp. 273, illustrated. Price £2 16s.; U.S.A. \$7.00.

The fifth number of this well-known series is as welcome as its forerunners. It contains six authoritative articles by leaders in their respective fields, three from the United States and three from Europe. The need for this kind of book is clearly shown by the fact that it includes an article on vitamin K in haemorrhagic disease of the newborn, a subject already dealt with in Volume 1, while Dr. Hattie Alexander brings her review of the treatment of purulent meningitis, which appeared in Volume 2, up to date in the present publication. There are articles on angiocardiology, iron metabolism and the nephrotic syndrome in children, while Wallgren contributes an objective summary of the present position of B.C.G. vaccination.

The book is well produced and edited, but for its high price one would have expected to find a better quality of paper.

**Management of the Newborn.** By ARTHUR HAWLEY PARMELEE. Chicago, U.S.A.: The Year Book Publishers. Distributed in Great Britain by Inter-science Publishers Limited, 1952. Pp. 358, illustrated. Price £2 14s.; U.S.A. \$7.00.

One of the drawbacks of the march of science is that it is becoming increasingly difficult to present the newer knowledge in an attractive manner or in one which is easy to read. Professor Parmelee's book is an exception in that it is attractively laid out and essentially readable. It makes no attempt to scale the scientific heights, nor does it essay much critical appraisal of controversial matters on most of which the author has a suitably open mind. Yet running through the book is a rich vein of what is obviously first-hand knowledge and experience, and in many sections one feels that here is the art of medicine at its best, to be read with profit by all those who deal with patients as well as cases.

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