BOOK REVIEWS

simply with his subject matter from twins, genes and the
sex chromosomes, to the inheritance of height, build and
intelligence. Gene mutations, genetic predisposition and
gencongenital deformities are examined and illuminated and
there is a final chapter on eugenics.

To the few practising geneticists this book will contain
little new, but to the average seeker after knowledge a lot
is explained in a small compass. Obviously much remains
in the field of genetics for which an adequate explanation
is not yet available, but what is known is faithfully
dealt with and Dr. Carter is to be congratulated on his
successful attempt to make what might be a difficult
subject intelligible to the uninformed.

Problèmes posés par L'Incompatibilité Rh Foeto-Mater-
nelle. By André Jouveneaux and Denise Michaud.
(Pp. 213; 26 figures + 28 tables. 26 NF.) Paris:

This is a slim, handy volume, well printed and well produced. The authors review the problems of rhesus
incompatibility in an admirably concise and practical
manner.

The chapters are usefully set out in the form of replies
to various problems posed by the different aspects of
rhesus incompatibility. This common-sense approach
is matched by the simple and clear writing. Neverthe-
less, the subject is treated in considerable detail, the one
thing missing that might profitably have been included
being some statistics of incidence of the rhesus negative
and similar blood groups from various parts of the world
and of blood incompatibility as a problem.

The references are up to date, international and com-
prehensive.

The Pathology of the Tumours of Children. (Pathological
Monographs Number Two.) By Rupert A. Willis.
(Pp. ix + 200; 80 figures. 42s.) Edinburgh and
London: Oliver and Boyd. 1962.

This is the second volume of a series of Pathological
Monographs, edited by Sir Roy Cameron and G. Payling
Wright, that are designed to present comprehensive
reviews of subjects of particular interest at the present
time. Professor Willis's contribution very well fulfils
that aim. It provides a large and well-chosen bibliog-
raphy that adequately covers the literature on tumours
of children. But it is much more than a review of the
literature. As in all his written work, the author draws
upon his own vast experience in the field of oncology,
and quotes many illustrative cases from his own col-
clection, and from the Manchester Children's Tumour
Registry and the Tumour Reference Section of the
Imperial Cancer Research Fund, with both of which
he is intimately connected. The book therefore bears
the stamp of authority that can come only from the
first-hand experience of the writer; and when contro-
versial points are raised, the author's opinions are given
in his usual refreshingly forthright manner.

The earlier chapters deal with the types of neoplasm
that are commonest in, and most nearly peculiar to,
children: those of nervous tissues, the embryonic tumours
of particular organs and the teratomas. A useful
section follows on tumours arising in hamartomas and
in vestigial and ectopic tissues. Tumours of haemo-
poietic tissues are sometimes briefly discussed. In the
later chapters those of bone and other mesenchymal
tissues, those of the endocrine organs and gonads, the
relatively rare epithelial cancers, and some miscellaneous
and controversial tumours, some probably not true
neoplasms, are reviewed. A wide field is thus covered
in this small volume which is illustrated by many photo-
micrographs in black and white. It does not give
detailed descriptions of histological characters, some
knowledge of which in the reader is obviously presupposed.
The author's style is clear and concise and eminently
pleasant to read. The printing is good and almost free
from misprints, and reproduction of the illustrations
is excellent.

Otitis del Lactante. (Boletín de la Sociedad Valenciana
de Pediatria, Valencia. May 1962.) (Pp. 195; illus-
trated.) Valencia: Sociedad Valenciana de Pediatria.
1962.

This paper-back book of 195 pages records the pro-
ceedings of a meeting of the Paediatric Society of Valencia
which was held in May 1962. The subject was otitis
infancy and there were eight contributors who covered
authoritatively the statistical, morphological, clinical
and otological aspects, the overall effects of otitis in
infancy, methods of prevention and the current medical
and otological treatment recommended. The final
chapter records the discussion which followed the papers.
There are some excellent full-page replicas of the slides
which accompanied the lectures; these help considerably
in understanding the text. Also, as an offset to the
photographs of the contributors, which appear at the
beginning of their papers, there are some excellent pre-
and post-treatment photographs of infants.

The subject is covered exhaustively and the paper on
the varying symptomatology of infantile otitis by Dr.
Lola Gallego is particularly valuable. The only notable
omission is the references, which the contributors say
may be obtained from them on request; it would have
added to the usefulness of this volume if they could have
been included.

The book is well produced and the text easy to read.
The publication within six months of the meeting is an
achievement of which the Society and the publishers
may be proud.

Orthopädische Fragen in der Pädiatrie. Postgraduate
Courses in Paediatrics, vols. 5-6. Edited by E. Ross.
(Pp. ii + 110; 76 figures. SFr. 19.00.) Basel and New

Volume 5/6 of this attractive journal is devoted to a
refresher course in paediatric orthopaedics. The six
papers are well illustrated and give a fair summary of
present-day opinion. The papers on congenital dis-