

Reviews

"Handbook for Nurses," by J. K. Watson.

This new edition of a valuable and favourite text book is revised and brought up to date with new chapters on The Symptoms of Disease, on Electricity and Massage, on Ear, Nose and Throat Affections, and Skin and Venereal Diseases. There are a large number of new illustrations and the author states that medical and surgical knowledge has advanced with rapid strides since the last edition eight years ago, and he has endeavoured to bring the handbook up to date as far as possible in such a book. It certainly appears that if a nurse assimilates and applies all that is in this volume she need not fear her State Examination. The price is 7/6 net, from Messrs. Faber and Gwyer, Ltd., Russell Square, London.

Another volume from the same firm is "Surgical Operations," by W. N. Ibbotson; second edition.

The book commences with an account of the principles appertaining to the operating room and its appointments. This is very complete and gives in detail all that should be prepared and put in place by the nurse. It gives some hints as to preparation in a private house as well as a hospital theatre.

A chapter on instruments, their sterilisation, Necessities for Anaesthesia, etc., follows, and then come the sections on the various kinds of operations giving the nature of diseases or injuries for the relief of which they are performed, and the instruments required.

There are many pages of illustrations of instruments from which a nurse might learn their names and form. Dressings, ligatures, drainage tubes, bandages, antiseptic drugs are all classified.

This book, price 6/6 net, can be recommended as a useful text book.

"The Nursing of Diseases of the Nose, Ear and Throat," by Michael Vlasto.

The introduction starts with the statement:—The principles of nursing

in affections of the nose, ear and throat are, of course, the same as those applied to the nursing of cases in general medicine supply.

Nurses sometimes have little experience in these cases owing to the fact that many are treated in the outpatient department and return to their homes after treatment. A book such as this would be of great use to a nurse working with a specialist.

It is clearly written and illustrated and operations described in detail, together with the part to be played by the assistant nurse.

The price is 6/-, from Messrs. Faber and Gwyer.

"Preliminary Questions and Answers," by Felicie Norton.

This little booklet is based on the questions set for the Preliminary State Examination in England. Some useful hints are given re writing examination papers, and the model answers given should be a guide to young trainees. The price is 1/6.

"Outlines of Massage and Medical Gymnastics," by Beatrice M. Goodhall-Copestake.

While a little booklet like the above may in its way be useful, it seems rather inadequate when one considers the course now necessary for anyone intending to qualify as a masseur or masseuse. The author says it must be regarded only as an introduction to other works which deal with the subject in fuller detail.

We have received a copy of the Souvenir Book of the College of Nursing, which was published on the occasion of its opening by Her Majesty the Queen. It is charmingly got up and gives a portrait of the donor of the building, the Viscountess Cowdray, and shows the great building of five stories and many photographs of the interior.

A brief history of the College of Nursing states that it was established to meet a need greatly emphasised by the European War of 1914. The mobilisation of a national service essential to the care, not only of the civil popula-