

Book Reviews

Hypertension and Hypertensive Disease. By William Goldring, M.D. and Herbert Chasis, M.D., New York University College of Medicine. Ed. 1. Pp. 232. New York, 1944, Commonwealth Fund. \$3.50.

In this book the authors accomplish what they clearly state in the preface to be their objective, "a concise presentation of our concepts of hypertension and hypertensive disease." The renal functional studies of Dr. Homer W. Smith and the clinical applications of these techniques to the hypertensive patient are well described. The sections of the book devoted to this subject and the appendices dealing with the techniques of the various procedures are in themselves extremely worth while. In addition the chapters on medical and surgical treatment, and the management of hypertension are especially to be recommended.

The 1944 Year Book of General Surgery. Edited by Evarts A. Graham, A.B., M.D., Professor of Surgery, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis. Pp. 736, with 271 illustrations. Chicago, 1944, The Year Book Publishers, Inc. \$3.00.

This book presents a number of new operative techniques and new devices useful to the surgeon in the performance of operations or management of patients. In the main, however, the volume contains, as its editor states, very little which is strictly new. The volume contains sections on anesthesia, antisepsis, operative technique, military surgery, wound healing, tumors, and surgery in its regional anatomic aspects.

The book has come to be an important current source book for the surgeon. Many a surgeon who essays to keep abreast of developments in fields of surgery, somewhat unrelated to his own, will find in thumbing through the pages of this book, items of real interest which had not come to his notice. Moreover, most surgeons will find in it some items in their own particular field of interest which had escaped their attention on first publication.

The Year Book fulfills a useful function and should be read widely by all who profess an interest in improving their orientation in the broad field of general surgery.

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