Book Reviews

PERIPHERAL NERVE INJURIES. Edited by H. J. SEDDON, *C.M.G., D.M., F.R.C.S.*, with eleven other contributors. 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ × 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Pp. xvi+451, with 276 figures and 122 tables. Index. 1954. London: Her Majesty's Stationery Office. Price £2, 15s.

This volume follows in the distinguished line of the M.R.C. report (1920) "The Diagnosis and Treatment of Peripheral Nerve Injuries." The writer of this review enjoyed visiting three of the five Nerve Injuries Centres engaged in treatment and special investigations. In peace-time the high standards of clinical records and treatment, the uniformity of records, and the special investigations would constitute a major achievement. That these centres were established and functioned admirably

FIG. 151

Case A.33—Arteriogram showing large aneurysm of femoral artery which compressed lateral popliteal nerve; note that aneurysm is much larger than cavity which is filled with contrast medium. (By courtesy of the Department of Surgery, Edinburgh University.)

in England amid the difficulties of World War II is borne out by this book. It is difficult to find any aspect of the experimental, pathological or clinical problems of nerve injuries which has not been well covered save the results of early—within three weeks—suture. Of particular interest are the results of nerve suture and nerve grafts. The book is invaluable to all who are interested in treating or studying nerve injuries. A very large amount of authoritative information is concisely and clearly recorded in its pages making it easier to use as a reference than to read consecutively. The type is clear and the illustrations are of high quality. The editor is to be warmly congratulated on the successful integration of the sections written by his twelve contributors. This book is recommended as a necessary addition to medical libraries everywhere.—E. H. BOTTERELL.