DORSAL ACETABULAR FRACTURES OF THE HIP (DASHBOARD FRACTURES). By Åke WALLER. 9½ × 7 in. Pp. 94, with 48 figures and 20 tables. 1955. Stockholm: Acta Chirurgica Scandinavica, Supplementum 205. Price Sw. cr. 15.

This excellent monograph deals with fracture of the posterior acetabular rim, particularly when associated with dorsal dislocation of the hip. It is concise, well written, authoritative, and likely to remain a standard work on this subject. After an adequate outline of the previous literature, the author gives an account of his ultimately successful efforts to reproduce these injuries in the corpse, and of the forces necessary to do so. He analyses 106 clinical cases, all but twenty-four associated with dislocations.

One of the many useful points in this work is the demonstration of the technique and of the value of a posterior oblique projection in the radiological investigation of this injury. Operative replacement of the displaced fragment is regarded as the best method of treatment, and this view is supported by an adequate follow-up.

This monograph will be found valuable by any surgeon who is called upon to treat the injuries inflicted by modern road transport.—D. LI. GRIFFITHS.

A COMPANION IN SURGICAL STUDIES. Ian AIRD, Ch.M., F.R.C.S., Professor of Surgery in the University of London; Director of the Surgical Unit, Postgraduate Medical School of London, Hammersmith Hospital. Second edition. 10 × 7½ in. Pp. xii + 1,302, with 2 figures. Index. 1957. Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. Price £4. 4s.

In spite of an imposing list of subjects mentioned in the introduction this edition is much the same as the first, which was published eight years ago. Like everything else it bears the imprint of inflation. Two hundred and forty-two pages have been added and it costs a guinea more. The increase in price is inevitable. So too is an increase in knowledge. Aird has not neglected the latter but he is miserly in his dislike of rejecting old wives' tales. Much of what our forefathers wrote we now know to be rubbish, and few papers over ten years old are worth reading. This book would improve in appearance if it lost a little weight. Two illustrations have crept in, which I think is a pity; for, unadorned, the *Companion* would still remain a masterpiece.—George PERKINS.

REHABILITATION LITERATURE, 1950–1955. A bibliographic review of the medical care, education, employment, welfare, and psychology of handicapped children and adults. Compiled by Earl C. GRAHAM, Librarian, and Marjorie M. MULLEN, Assistant Librarian, National Society for Crippled Children and Adults. 10 × 7½ in. Pp. xi + 621. 1956. New York, Toronto, London: The Blakiston Division, McGraw-Hill Book Company Inc. Price \$13.00.

The growing emphasis on rehabilitation as a fundamental part of treatment has brought with it an ever increasing volume of literature. Ranging as this subject does over so many disciplines, both medical and non-medical, its literature tends to be somewhat scattered, and for this reason a key should be especially welcomed. This book is an annotated bibliography of over 5,000 publications in the English language covering all phases of rehabilitation and all types of disorders. Items are numbered consecutively and set out clearly under alphabetically arranged subject headings. An author index has been added. Workers in rehabilitation should find it easy to turn up the literature within their own special sphere of interest, and, moreover, gain an idea of what is being done in related fields. This bibliography is supplemented by the monthly issues of "Rehabilitation Literature." These, we may hope, will in due course form the basis of further cumulated volumes—either in the form of new editions of the one under review, or as supplementary volumes.—C. DAVENPORT.