Outline of Fractures. By John Crawford ADAMS, M.D.(London), F.R.C.S.(England), Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, St Mary's Hospital, London, and St Vincent's Orthopaedic Hospital, Pinner; Assistant Editor, *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*. Third edition. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ × 6 in. Pp. viii+268, with 241 figures. Index. 1960. Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. Price 27s. 6d.

The third edition of this book, which was first published in 1956, contains only a few changes from the second edition, which appeared two years ago. Several illustrations have been replaced by clearer examples, and in places the text has been revised. The most noteworthy of these is the fuller description of wound treatment in dealing with compound fractures. There is also an up-to-date revision of the treatment of non-union of the carpal scaphoid fracture. These additions and alterations have been made without enlarging the book. It remains the ideal reference book for house surgeons, casualty officers and registrars in charge of fracture patients.—L. W. PLEWES.

Manual of Hand Injuries. By H. Minor NICHOLS, M.D., Clinical Instructor in Surgery, University of Oregon Medical School, Portland. With a foreword by Michael L. MASON, M.D. Second edition. 9 × 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Pp. 400, with 205 figures. Index. 1960. Chicago: The Year Book Publishers Inc. Distributed in the United Kingdom by Interscience Publishers Ltd. Price 83s.

The first edition of this book was published in 1955, and the second edition, which has just arrived, has been enlarged by forty-eight pages and twenty-five figures. There is a new chapter on Crush Injuries of the Hand, and colour has been introduced in the anatomical charts. There is a useful discussion on doctor-patient relationship, which applies more to American practice than to British usage. One of the most useful new illustrations shows a gangrenous finger following digital block anaesthesia for operation on paronychia. Several noticeable omissions include Sudeck's atrophy and the value of supination in maintaining the reduction of a Smith's fracture. Unfortunately, the chapter on Infection is still well below the standard of the rest of the text. Such out-of-date treatment as hot, moist packs, and hockey-stick and fish-mouth incisions, are still described; and modern methods of slough excision in dealing with whitlows are not mentioned. The high standard of presentation is maintained in this second edition.—L. W. PLEWES.