Unfallchirurgische Operationen an Knochen und Gelenken. (Operations on Bones and Joints in Acute Trauma.) Indications, Technique and Physiotherapy in After-treatment. By Dr. med. Gerhard LEIMBACH, Chefarzt des Krankenhauses Evangelisches Stift "St. Martin," Koblenz; Leitender Arzt der Chirurgischen und Unfallabteilung und der berufsgenossenschaftlichen Sonderstation für Schwerunfallverletzte des Landesverbandes der gewerblichen Berufsgenossenschaften Rheinland-Westfalen. $10\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ in. Pp. 320, with over 600 illustrations in 314 figures. Index. 1962. Stuttgart: Hippokrates-Verlag. Price DM 106.50.

This is a concise yet comprehensive book dealing with the operative surgery of bones and joints in acute trauma. The book is divided into three parts.

Part 1 deals with general problems of acute trauma, for example, skin coverage of defects, principles of bone grafting, and all types of internal fixation of fractures. Important post-operative complications like Sudeck's atrophy and post-operative infection are dealt with in some detail.

Part 2 deals regionally with the indication for operative treatment of each injury. In the chapter on amputation of upper limb there is a description of cineplastic operation of Sauerbruch and Krukenberg's operation which one does not normally find in English text-books. There is a place devoted to the treatment of irreparable injuries in upper limbs requiring reconstructive procedures such as tendon transfer. The chapter dealing with arthroplasty of the hip mentions only Judet's prosthesis which has been superseded in this country by Austin Moore, Thomson or Eicher's prostheses. The work of these authors is not mentioned. The chapter on traumatic paraplegia deals with all aspects of the problem and follows the pattern outlined by Guttmann, which the author freely acknowledges.

Part 3 deals with all forms of physiotherapy including rehabilitation.

The production and presentation of the book are excellent. It is well illustrated and the diagrams are clear. References are well indexed according to each anatomical region. I would recommend this book to any orthopaedic surgeon whose German is sufficiently good to cope with the text.—R. J. HOCHHAUSER.

BOOKS OF ORTHOPAEDIC INTEREST

Selected Papers. By Sir Harry PLATT, *Bart.*, LL.D., M.D., M.S., F.R.C.S. Pp. viii+186. 1963. Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. Price 25s.

In this volume are brought together a number of articles, addresses, speeches and memoranda on topics outside the field of clinical studies. They deal with the planning of hospital services and the content of undergraduate and postgraduate medical education; together with some biographies and some papers on the history of orthopaedics.

Principles of Bone Remodeling. An Account of Post-natal Growth and Remodeling Processes in Long Bones and the Mandible. By Donald H. ENLOW, Ph.D. 1963. Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas, Publisher.

Examination and Diagnosis of the Spine and Extremities. By Beckett HOWORTH, M.D., Med.Sc.D. 1962. Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas, Publisher.

Die Anwendung des Spalthautlappens in der Chirurgie. (The Use of Split Skin Grafts in Surgery.) By Janos ZOLTAN. Pp. 391. 1962. Jena: Veb Gustav Fischer Verlag. Price DM 59.20.

This book is a German translation from the original Hungarian. It contains a detailed account of the history of split skin grafting and an extensive review of the recent literature. These sections are followed by an exhaustive account of the uses of split skin grafts at the present day with illustrative cases from the author's own practice. Many of the illustrative cases are redundant and the book could have been much shorter without losing any of its value. It is not suitable for introductory reading but may be of interest to experts.

Die Bedeutung der Individual- und Artspezifität der Gewebe für die freie Knochenüberpflanzung. (The Significance of the Individual and Type Specificity of the Material for Free Bone Transplantation.) By Priv.-Doz. Dr. W. AXHAUSEN. Pp. vi+117. 1962. Berlin, Göttingen, Heidelberg: Springer-Verlag. Price DM 36.80.

A detailed study of experimental work on this subject, and its influence on the type of bone bank available now and in the future.