usually considered due to such conditions as plantar fasciitis, derangement of the knee and arthritis of the hip are due to irritation of peripheral nerves.

It is a fascinating book and whether the reader accepts all the authors' conclusions or not he will be provoked to argument and thought over a number of common diagnoses that are perhaps too readily made. Sometimes the theory is stretched uncomfortably far to accommodate the facts but, nevertheless, the book can be recommended as a most stimulating addition to the writing on a number of common but ill-understood complaints.—James ELLIS.

Die Meniscuslaesion. Praktische Probleme der Klinik, Arthrographie und Therapie. (Meniscal Lesions. Practical Clinical Problems, Arthrography and Treatment.) By Priv.-Doz. Dr P. RICKLIN, Männedorf, Zürich, Priv.-Doz. Dr A. RÜTTIMAN, Zürich, Priv.-Doz. Dr M. S. DEL BUONO, Zürich. With introductions by Prof. Dr F. LANG, Luzern, Zürich, and Prof. Dr H. R. SCHINZ, Zürich. 10½×7½ in. Pp. viii+156, with 219 figures. Index. 1964. Stuttgart: Georg Thieme Verlag. Price DM 48.

The book is noteworthy for its excellent presentation of arthrographs. The first three chapters cover adequately the anatomy, pathology and clinical diagnosis of the torn and cystic meniscus. The final chapters cover all aspects of treatment. The major part of the book consists of arthrographs of the normal and abnormal cartilage with brief and concise descriptions. Most of the arthrographs are accompanied by explanatory line drawings. These arthrographs are beautifully clear and were produced by injecting both air and a liquid contrast medium. There are fifty-nine normal arthrographs including one tomograph, and 141 arthrographs of abnormal menisci. Some of the latter are accompanied by photographs of the cartilages after removal. The authors and the publishers are to be congratulated on the superb quality of the radiographs.—L. W. PLEWES.

BOOKS OF ORTHOPAEDIC INTEREST

The Surgical Treatment of Burns. A Clinical Report of 789 Cases. By Tord SKOOG, M.D., Professor of Plastic Surgery, University Hospital, Uppsala, Sweden. 9½×7 in. Pp. 106, with many figures, some in colour. 1963. Published as Supplementum 305 by Acta Chirurgica Scandinavica and as a separate monograph by Almqvist and Wiksell, Stockholm, Sweden. Price Sw. Cr. 25.

Part of Professor Skoog's training was undertaken with Sir Archibald McIndoe at East Grinstead, and he has wide experience also of American practice. In this monograph he discusses the results of treatment obtained in a long series of cases at Uppsala, a burns centre serving a large area of Sweden. All aspects of the treatment of burns are outlined and particular reference is made to the prevention and treatment of contractures.

The monograph is well illustrated and would be a valuable addition to hospital libraries.

Outline of Fractures Including Joint Injuries. By John Crawford ADAMS, M.D.(London), F.R.C.S.(England). Fourth edition. Pp. vii+303. 1964. Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. Price 30s.

The production of the fourth edition of this book testifies to its continued popularity as an excellent short summary for students.

Savoir Interpréter une Radiographie du Crâne. (How to Interpret a Radiograph of the Skull.) By Lucien APPEL and Jacques SIMON. Collection Médicale Internationale "Savoir Interpréter" publiée sous la direction du Professeur Hugues Gounelle, Paris. Number 24. Pp. 185. 1964. Brussels: Les Editions de Visscher. Price Frs. b. 150.

The French have always shown a preference for paper bound volumes, leaving the binding of their more serious productions to the tastes of the purchaser. This small volume, printed in Belgium, is an extremely useful little pocket book, giving adequate details in text and line drawings of the various abnormalities encountered in a skull radiograph. It forms one of a series of compact and useful little books which, as they are inexpensive, might well be the temporary companion of a student interested in some particular aspect of his work, but they are also sufficiently detailed to be kept on the shelf as a reference work.

These volumes should command a reasonable sale. Volume 19 of the series "How to interpret a radiograph of the spine" has already reached a second edition. Perhaps their success abroad will encourage British publishers to attempt a similar series.

Fractures and Orthopaedic Surgery for Nurses and Physiotherapists. By Arthur NAYLOR, Ch.M., M.B., M.Sc.(Sheff.), F.R.C.S.(Eng.), F.R.C.S.(Edin.). Foreword by Sir Ernest FINCH, M.D., M.S.(Lond.), F.R.C.S.(Eng.). Fifth edition. Pp. 362. 1964. Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. Price 30s.

This admirable volume for orthopaedic nurses has now reached its fifth edition, which is a tribute to its continuing value and popularity.