Meniscus Lesions. Practical Problems of Clinical Diagnosis, Arthrography and Therapy. By P. RICKLIN, A. RÜTTIMANN and M. S. DEL BUONO. American Translation by Karl H. MUELLER. With prefaces by F. LANG and H. R. SCHINZ. 26 × 17·7 cm. Pp. viii + 142, with 219 figures. Index. 1971. Stuttgart: Georg Thieme Verlag. Price DM 59.

The assessment of meniscus tears can be difficult. Arthrography is claimed by its advocates to be a reliable aid to diagnosis, but those who use the technique infrequently are often disappointed by their results.

This book reports the experience of its authors (a surgeon and two radiologists in Zürich) of 2,500 arthrographies and 600 operations. The initial chapters give a straightforward account of the anatomy, pathology and diagnosis of meniscus lesions and the final chapters describe clinical and radiological differential diagnosis, treatment and disability evaluations. The middle section, which is the meat in the sandwich, comprises more than half the number of pages in the book and deals with arthrography. The authors make a convincing case for the double contrast technique and demonstrate every conceivable type of meniscus lesion very clearly. The radiographic reproductions, of the highest quality, are usually accompanied by a line diagram, and where appropriate by a photograph of the excised meniscus. There is no doubt that these results can only be obtained when the method is used with meticulous care and with considerable practical experience. Errors and difficulties of interpretation are fully discussed.

This is a slim volume which is beautifully produced. In some chapters the illustrations occupy far more space than the text and it is necessary to keep turning the pages to find the figure which is quoted. Apart from this the book is easy to read and the English translation by Dr Mueller of Milwaukee will offend the purist only occasionally.

Any orthopaedic surgeon or radiologist who is able to devote sufficient time to acquire the necessary experience of arthrography will find the book invaluable. It should become one of the definitive contributions to the subject.—William WAUGH.

Anaesthetics, Resuscitation and Intensive Care. A Textbook for Students and Residents. By Walter NORRIS, M.D., F.F.A.R.C.S., and Donald CAMPBELL, M.B., Ch.B., F.F.A.R.C.S., D.A., Consultant Anaesthetists, Glasgow Royal Infirmary; Clinical Teachers in Anaesthetics, University of Glasgow. Foreword by John W. DUNDEE, M.D., Ph.D., F.F.A.R.C.S., F.F.A.R.C.S.I. Third edition. 21·5 × 14 cm. Pp. xi + 282, with 139 figures and some tables. Index. 1971. Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone. Price £1·50.

Although this book is primarily intended for the student of anaesthesia as a speciality, it will be found of great value to orthopaedic staff and to all those working in accident and emergency departments. Because in this country anaesthesia is so often in the hands of the specialist, the student in other fields is given little training. Nevertheless, a sound basic knowledge of the subject is of the utmost importance to all those whose work brings them into contact with the unconscious patient.

The chapters on the care of patients in the recovery room and the intensive care area, and those on resuscitation and regional anaesthesia, will be found to be of particular interest to orthopaedic staff as to all surgeons. The book gives very clear and detailed guidance on the practical aspects of anaesthetic care. The illustrations are excellent and the whole production is a model of the condensation of essentials.—James ELLIS.

Textbook of Orthopaedic Nursing. By Robert ROAF, M.A., B.Ch., M.Ch.Orth., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.S.E., L.R.C.P., D.Obstet., R.C.O.G., Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, University of Liverpool; and Leonard J. HODKINSON, S.R.N., R.N.T., Nurse Tutor Diploma, University of London. 24 × 16·5 cm. Pp. vi + 582, with many figures. Index. 1971. Oxford and Edinburgh: Blackwell Scientific Publications. Price £3.

A new textbook of orthopaedic nursing, especially when it comes from the pens of two experienced writers, is a welcome addition to the limited field of literature written for orthopaedic nurses. The book under review is comprehensive, well illustrated (using line drawings, photographs and radiographs), has a glossary of orthopaedic terms and an index.

The text is arranged in four sections. The first, "Science of Orthopaedics", gives a short history of orthopaedics and describes the orthopaedic team of the present day. The second section covers acute orthopaedic conditions and is devoted to all aspects of trauma. The third is entitled "Chronic Orthopaedics" and includes diseases and deformities affecting the locomotor system. The