final section, "The Practical Management of the Orthopaedic Patient", starts with a chapter on comprehensive patient care, in which a detailed account of clinical examination and diagnosis is given, and ends with a look at the future of orthopaedics.

The book, although primarily intended for student nurses, will be of value to all disciplines concerned with orthopaedic patients, and is to be warmly recommended.—Joyce W. ROWE, S.R.N.

Units, Symbols and Abbreviations: A Guide for Biological and Medical Editors and Authors. Edited by George ELLIS. 23 × 15 cm. Pp. 36. 1971. London: The Royal Society of Medicine. Price 54p post free.

On December 2, 1968, a conference of medical editors held at the Royal Society of Medicine set up a working party under the chairmanship of the editor of this work to prepare recommendations on the adoption of the *Système International d'Unités* (SI Units) and also on signs and symbols and on the method of quoting references. This booklet is the outcome of their labours. It contains information that will be useful to those as yet unfamiliar with the SI system, already adopted by this journal. A table is presented of units, symbols, abbreviations and conventions with recommended usages which should greatly help uniformity of practice. The recommended method of quoting references is virtually identical with that used by the British section of this journal. In particular, it is recommended that journal titles should be quoted in full, a proposal treated in this work as though an innovation of the *British Medical Journal* in 1969, though in fact it has been the invariable practice of the British section of our own journal since its beginning in 1948—a tribute to the intuition of Sir Reginald Watson-Jones.—H. Jackson BURROWS.

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BOOKS OF ORTHOPAEDIC INTEREST

Orbital Fractures. By Hans H. A. HOTTE, M.D. 26 × 17.8 cm. Pp. 394, with many figures and 27 tables. Index. 1970. London: William Heinemann Medical Books Ltd. Price £8.75.

This is a complete clinical and well documented monograph on orbital fractures, beautifully printed and illustrated. It is of primary interest to plastic surgeons.

Ursachen des Bruchverhaltens langer Röhrenknochen. (Origins of Fracture Patterns in the Long Bones.) By Georg LEITZ. 25.4 × 18.4 cm. Pp. viii+68, with 63 figures. 1970. Stuttgart: Ferdinand Enke Verlag. Price DM 26.

This small volume sets out well the mechanical factors concerned in the fractures of the long bones which can be deduced from the shape and appearance of the fracture. This work is available elsewhere and is part of any primer on the biomechanics of bone.

Die juvenile Osteochondrose der Tibiaapophyse. (Juvenile Osteochondrosis of the Tibial Epiphysis.) By Achim REICHELT. 25.4 × 18.4 cm. Pp. viii+96, with 23 figures and 9 tables. 1971. Stuttgart: Ferdinand Enke Verlag. Price DM 24.

This is a straightforward and thorough summary of Osgood-Schlatter's disease, which is graded into eight types according to the shape of the disordered epiphysis. No new facts are brought forward. It is a pity that the brief two-page summary in English is not well written.

Angiologie und Szintigraphie bei Knochen- und Gelenkerkrankungen. (Angiology and Scintigraphy in Bone and Joint Disease.) Edited by Rolf GLAUNER, with forty-five contributors. 23 × 15.5 cm. Pp. vii+159, with 284 illustrations in 128 figures and 16 tables. Index. 1971. Stuttgart: Georg Thieme Verlag. Price DM 48.

Although this book cannot cover a wide variety of tumours or diseases, it provides an excellent introduction to the values of both methods in diagnosis.