Book Reviews

Campbell's Operative Orthopaedics. Edited by A. H. CRENSHAW, M.D., Memphis, Tennessee, with nineteen contributors. Volumes 1 and 2. Fifth edition, Golden Anniversary. 27×19 cm. Pp. xiv+2044, with 3472 figures and 2 in colour. Index (author and subject, pp. 62, in both volumes). 1971. Saint Louis: The C. V. Mosby Company. Distributed in Great Britain by Henry Kimpton. Price £35.75.

The fifth edition of this remarkable work, bound on this occasion in gold, commemorates the Golden Anniversary of the founding of the Campbell Clinic. Edited again by A. H. Crenshaw, its authors continue to be drawn mainly from members of the staff of the Clinic. Extensive revision of the text has been carried out and all chapters revised or rewritten. The bibliography at the end of each chapter is extensive and the indexing first rate, being repeated fully at the end of each volume. The text has been slightly enlarged and the illustrations more than doubled. Inevitably the price has also increased. The first two-volume edition (1949) cost £10 10s., by 1956 £14 10s. and in 1962 £21. Now it is £35.75. This is regrettable, but I expect unavoidable. It should not deter orthopaedic surgeons from acquiring it themselves. The views expressed reflect the opinions of the authors and will not always accord with those of the reader. This is inevitable and unimportant. Every reader, however, will continue to find in these volumes an unparalleled textbook and reference work on orthopaedic surgery. In 1950 the *Journal* review said, "Every orthopaedic surgeon will have to get it"; in 1963 "If I were to be allowed only one orthopaedic textbook in my baggage on a world trip this is the one I would take. Hang the expense!" With these views I totally concur. The new edition is a "must". Libraries can afford and will inevitably acquire it as a replacement. Individuals must somehow find the cost. Almost any means will justify this end—and quote the *Journal* as saying so!—David L. EVANS.

The Hand. By Lee MILFORD, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Memphis; Active Staff, Campbell Clinic; Consultant in Hand Surgery, United States Public Health Service. From the fifth edition of *Campbell's Operative Orthopaedics*. Edited by A. H. CRENSHAW, M.D. 27×19 cm. Pp. viii+282, with 308 figures and 1 colour plate. Index. 1971. St Louis: The C. V. Mosby Company. Distributed in Great Britain by Henry Kimpton. Price £8.75, U.S. \$19.50.

This book is a "reprint" of the section on the hand, contributed by Lee Milford to the recent fifth edition of *Campbell's Operative Orthopaedics*.

It is now available as a separate book for those who cannot contemplate obtaining the whole work, either because of cost or storage space. It will therefore be of value to surgeons of other disciplines who are involved in hand surgery.

Detailed instructions, very well illustrated, are given for the operative treatment of all aspects of hand surgery, where the condition might be regarded as falling within the area of the orthopaedic surgeon.

Clear diagrams indicate the scientific basis and the objects of the operations, and the methods of carrying them out. Many references are made to original sources, and many of the best illustrations have been obtained from the original articles of the acknowledged experts, such as Littler, White and Flatt.—H. Graham STACK.

The Intervertebral Disc. By Anthony F. DePALMA, M.D., Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, and Richard H. ROTHMAN, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Jefferson Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University. 25.4×17.8 cm. Pp. vi+373, with many figures and some tables. Index. 1970. Philadelphia, London, Toronto: W. B. Saunders Company. Price £7.

Patients with pain in the neck and back are always with us and this book is welcome because it conveys the authors' interest and enthusiasm for what is often regarded as a rather commonplace and