

patient to a painless operation requires that the risks of general anesthesia should not be unduly exaggerated in favor of local. Most physicians will find it advantageous to familiarize themselves with the newer methods of inducing local anesthesia, and will find this book well adapted for the purpose. T. T. T.

CLINICAL EXAMINATION OF THE BLOOD AND ITS TECHNIQUE. By PROFESSOR A. PAPPENHEIM, Berlin. Translated and adapted from the German by R. DONALDSON, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), D.P.H., Pathologist to Royal Berks Hospital, Reading; late Assistant Pathologist Royal Infirmary, Bristol, and Demonstrator of Pathology, Universities of Bristol and Sheffield. Pp. 87; 5 illustrations. New York: William Wood & Company, 1914.

THIS small book, by one of the most noted hematologists, first appeared in 1911 as a chapter in Carl Neuberg's *Handbuch der Ausscheidungen und Körperflüssigkeiten*. It was later in the same year published in book form in the German, and is now presented to us in English with minor alterations to conform to the more recent publications of the author. It is essentially a manual for students and practitioners, and deals only with those things which are of primary importance in clinical methods of blood examination: staining, counting of cells, and hemoglobin estimation. The respective features of normal blood and those facts in the semiology which explain pathological blood pictures are described briefly and yet clearly. Two very helpful colored plates of normal and pathological blood cells are introduced. The index is quite exhaustive. The book is a brief summary of the important practical things known about the blood at the present time, and as such it may be highly recommended. T. G. M.

DISEASES OF INFANCY AND CHILDHOOD AND THEIR DIETETIC, HYGIENIC AND MEDICAL TREATMENT. By LOUIS FISCHER, M.D., Attending Physician to the Willard Parker and Riverside Hospitals, New York City; Attending Pediatricist to the Sydenham Hospital, etc. Fifth edition. Pp. 935; 301 illustrations and 43 plates. Philadelphia: F. A. Davis Co., 1914.

THE chief impression after reading this book is the wonder that such a mediocre production, to say the most, should have reached a fifth edition within eight years. To mention but a few of the