

CLINICAL LABORATORY TECHNIC FOR NURSES. By Anna D. Gibson, R.N., Revised Edition. Whitcomb and Barrows. Boston. 214 pages. Price, \$2.00.

The preface states the purpose of the volume to be "a simple, comprehensive text-book" for graduate nurses, to be used in courses in laboratory technic, and further states that "by these methods information may be obtained without unnecessary detail," and as such fulfills its aim. The volume should be very useful to the individual nurse as she does clinical work in the laboratory because of the detailed directions. However, it is not the kind of a text-book for class room instruction, for it gives too little of the reason for reactions. For the book to be used as the only text in a course in laboratory technic, it would require that the instructor supply a good deal of explanation. It will make an excellent reference book for the student nurse all through her courses in urinalysis, bacteriology, and clinical physiology. She will find the book most valuable if she becomes a hospital or clinic laboratory technician and needs a handy laboratory guide in preparing a report of laboratory findings on a case.

As to the make-up and arrangement of material, one finds it unusually free from typographical errors, but one wishes the author had used italics in describing the appearance of the positive reaction. Grouping reagents and their amounts in list form, rather than in paragraphs, might facilitate the performance of the tests.

The material contained includes all the common, routine tests and many of

the rarer ones, the directions for which are often so hard to find. The book has eliminated the need of the technician hunting laboriously through treatises on each of the subjects, and gives, instead, a compact volume containing directions for the analysis of urine, feces, gastric contents, sputum, blood and body fluids; for the preparation of bacterial media, stains, staining, and culturing; for the preparation of tissues for microscopic examination, and an introductory chapter concerning the laboratory and the microscope.

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