

BOOK REVIEW

Physiotherapy in Some Surgical Conditions—by JOAN E. CASH, B.A., M.C.S.P. (Teacher's Certificates). Pp. 7-350, 26 Plates, 24 Figs. Published by Faber & Faber, 24, Russell Square, London. Price: 21s. net.

Miss Cash has undertaken an enormous task in writing this book, and has been surprisingly successful considering the vast field which her subjects covers.

The contents include chapters on wounds, burns, abdominal, gynaecological, breast, ear, nose and throat, thoracic and neuro-surgery, soft tissue injuries, fractures and peripheral vascular disorders. Each of these main subjects is sub-divided so that a great number of the conditions which a physiotherapist may be called upon to treat are discussed.

More attention has been paid to the pathology, signs and symptoms and complications of the various conditions, than to the actual treatment by physiotherapy. However, this is a book for the graduate primarily, and not for the student, who may be seeking more detailed guidance as to the actual method of treatment. The principles of physiotherapy treatment are laid down, and the author quite rightly presumes that the physiotherapist will elaborate and progress her treatment according to these basic principles. There is nothing dogmatic about this book, although the subject matter is presented authoritatively. Odd points may cause disagreement, but on the whole the general and specialised treatment has been well tried and proved throughout the world where modern methods are used. It was, for example, surprising that Miss Cash condoned the use of plaster beds for paraplegics.

The text is well presented and most readable, although the many and varied headings and sub-headings do tend to be slightly confusing. The diagrams and plates are excellent and form a valuable adjunct to the text.

This is certainly the most interesting and up-to-date book on the treatment of surgical conditions, and compares well with Miss Cash's Textbook of Medical Conditions for Physiotherapists. The field of physiotherapy has now become so wide with many specialised branches, that future books will probably have to be confined to the coverage of less material than the author has attempted in this most useful book.

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