There are particularly good chapters on the early signs of cancer of the breast, cancer of the stomach, and on the X-ray diagnosis between cancer of the stomach and simple ulcer. The early signs which give rise to carcinoma of the colon are very carefully considered and the means by which the diagnosis may be confirmed. It is also pointed out that most cases of carcinoma of the rectum could be easily detected in the very early stage were the doctor always to make a rectal examination directly he sees a patient bleeding from the rectum, or with any other signs which might be due to a carcinoma. The chapter on early signs of carcinoma of the prostate is quite excellent, as is also that on the thyroid gland. The chief signs which should make one suspicious of the onset of malignant disease in a previously existing adenoma of the thyroid are carefully pointed out and should be borne in mind by everybody who has to deal with such cases.

The book is very clearly written and gives an extremely fair summary of a very difficult subject.

AIDS TO MEDICINE.
(Fifth Edition.)

By T. L. Livingstone, M.D. Baillière, Tindall & Cox. 1935. Price 5/-.

Although one fears that books of this nature on occasion form the sole medical literature of some students, there is no doubt that they form a useful purpose when properly used. As a pocket-book of reference for the student to carry about on his ward rounds or during his frequent viva voce examinations by a colleague it is of very definite value so long as the information contained is reliable. From a perusal of Dr. Livingstone’s "Aids to Medicine" we have no hesitation in recommending it for this purpose.


E. & S. Livingstone. 1935. 3/6d.

This volume is a collection of the examination papers set during the years 1932-35 in the various subjects comprising the course for the Degree of M.B., the Diploma in Public Health, the Diploma in Psychiatry, the Diploma in Radiology, the Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene of the University of Edinburgh, for the Licence in Medicine and Surgery and the Diploma in Public Health of the Conjoint Board and for the Membership of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh and should be of service to candidates preparing for the various examinations.

KÖHLER’S RÖNGENOLOGY.


Radiologists will rejoice that "Köhler" has been re-published in English. In the original German, the book has reached its sixth edition, and it has also been translated into French, Hungarian, Italian and Polish. Köhler was the first to describe the disease of the tarsal scaphoid, and that of the head of the second metatarsal bone, which since been associated with his name. For his work and publications he has been honoured by the Radiological Societies of Britain, Austria, Belgium, Germany, Mexico, Sweden and Spain.

The book represents the life experience of one who remembers as a student, the announcement of Roentgen’s discovery and all the disbelief it aroused, and who even in 1899 was taking radiographs of joints and limbs which are not much improved upon to-day, and that with a tube costing only about eighteen shillings! Thus he has seen much, and his observation must be of use to all of us.

The whole of the diagnostic field is covered in so far as direct radiography can be employed, and in addition barium meal and enema examinations and cholecystography are included. Other methods such as pyelography, aortography, bronchography, kymography, sialography and so on, are not included.

His book deals not with gross cases of advanced disease, but with the normal and