

HOW TO USE A MEDICAL LIBRARY

By LESLIE T. MORTON.

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We cordially welcome this little volume which will be a real boon to the younger medical man who is commencing his career as a serious student of medicine and contributor to the literature. His predecessors had to gain much of the information which it contains at the expense of prolonged and often sad experience. From its perusal the reader will obtain, in addition to much sound advice on the writing of papers, information regarding how to obtain knowledge of previous work without which the author justly remarks no man has the right to put pen to paper.

The correct method of compiling a bibliography, which is the stumbling block of most authors and the bane of most editors, is described in detail so that little difficulty should be experienced in putting the proper period to any literary production. As one appendix there is supplied a list of Medical Journals which provide abstracts and epitomes of current articles and books, and as another a list of the various medical libraries in the country.

For such a small volume the index seems remarkably full, but this, of course, ensures that it serves as a ready book of reference.

BLOOD DISEASES IN GENERAL PRACTICE

By A. PINEY.

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In this small volume there is considered in an eminently practical fashion the diseases of the blood in view of modern developments. Since the work is intended primarily for the general practitioner the clinical appearances of, and the therapeutic measures available in, the different types of blood disease are chiefly detailed, the blood pictures receiving only scant consideration. This we feel is the weakness of the work, since if this aspect of the subject had been supplied it would render the hæmatological reports of the clinical pathologist intelligible to the practitioner as well as making the book more generally useful.

Miscellaneous.

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