REVIEWS.

DEAFNESS AND COMMONSENSE.

By J. KERR LOVE. Frederick Muller, Ltd.
1936. Price 5/-.

Dr. Kerr Love is known for tireless and unremitting work on behalf of the deaf, and he has added one more item to the debt in a book for the public addressed principally to parents and relatives of deaf persons. The title "Deafness and Commonsense," two words which at first sight appear totally unrelated seems rather intended to indicate that in the book will be found in popular language the general outline of the anatomy, physiology and pathology of the ear as they are known to-day, how deafness is to be prevented, how it is likely to be propagated, and on what lines assistance or relief can be brought to the deaf.

If those to whom the book is addressed will read, and re-read it, much money and much disappointment will be saved, much deafness will be prevented by individual prophylaxis and by eugenic foresight, and the lot of many deaf persons ameliorated by a sympathetic understanding of their problems and difficulties. Dr. Kerr Love records once again the astonishing life story of Helen Keller, not merely for its own interest, but to show how apparently insuperable obstacles can eventually be overcome by patience and perseverance, and this tale must for ever be an encouragement to teachers and to the deaf themselves.

The authority and reputation of Dr. Kerr Love are of themselves sufficient guarantee that the book will be of practical value to the section of the public for whom it is intended.

AN INTRODUCTION TO GENERAL PRACTICE.

By E. KAYE LE FLEMING, M.A., M.D.
Edward Arnold & Co. 1936. Price 5/-.

In his Introduction to General Practice Dr. E. Kaye Le Fleming takes pains to provide words of counsel and direction for the young practitioner. He emphasizes the

values and the opportunities of the family doctor and recognizes the claims of professional tradition, while, at the same time keeping effective contact with the facts of the situation. Hence in his pages the young doctor may find both a note of inspiration and sound advice on particular questions and general conduct. Relations to patients and their relatives, to colleagues, social claims, and legal demands—all receive attention and definition. Without pretending to be exhaustive the book is fairly adequate for its purpose and the instruction it offers is pleasantly and sympathetically conveyed.

DENTAL SURGERY FOR MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS.

By B. A. KOPKIN, L.D.S.R.C.S, England.
Pp. 104. Henry Kimpton, 1937.
Price 5/- net.

Mr. Kopkin has endeavoured to compress into this small book most of the essentials of Dental Surgery with which a medical practitioner may like to be acquainted. It is very concise and well arranged and should be of some value to those for whom it is intended.

One is bound to point out, however, some errors, e.g. page 20, patient is in the sitting, not the horizontal position, page 21, *re* tooth down bronchus. "Should the result prove fatal, there would be no question of negligence provided patient was X-rayed immediately." This is open to question. In two cases, pulp chamber is used for pulp.

It is to be regretted that more importance was not ascribed to leukæmic and other blood conditions, and that a blood examination was not considered necessary before wholesale extractions. On page 48, external applications of heat are not advised. There are many times when such treatment is not only sound, but indicated. In the chapter on necrosis, no mention is made of that following the application of radium to the mouth.