SICK CHILDREN.

By DONALD PATERSON, M.D. Edin., F.R.C.P. Lond. Second Edition. Pp. 600. 91 figures. London, Toronto, Melbourne & Sydney. Cassell & Co., Ltd. 1937. Price 12/6 net.

Dr. Donald Paterson's book is a convenient manual intended for medical students and practitioners. It has already gained a wide circulation and the issue of a second edition is evidence that the book has been appreciated. To cover the large field of pædiatrics in a small volume, measuring $5\frac{1}{2}$ in. by $7\frac{1}{2}$ in., is a difficult task, and the author has saved space by printing accounts of rarer diseases in small type. On the inside of the cover is a very useful table of normal biochemical data by Dr. W. W. Payne, and the chapters throughout the book are fairly liberally supplied with references to original work, nearly all in English, which should prove valuable. The articles are concise and concentrate on symptoms, diagnosis and treatment, and embody much recent work. The section on anæmias has been rewritten, and that on diseases of the new born considerably amplified. The effort to condense sometimes leads to remarks which are misleading, and the conflicting statements on pages 8, 40 and 49 concerning a caput succedaneum and cephalhæmatoma would leave the student wondering whether or not these two conditions are one and the same. Dr. Paterson has done much to make the essential quantitative basis of infant feeding more generally recognised among the profession in this country, and in this book he devotes about 54 pages to the subject of diet. It is to be hoped, however, that in the next edition Dr. Paterson will scrutinise this useful section carefully. To condone the practice of measuring dried milk in teaspoons seems a retrograde step. An appendix gives recent examination papers set for the D.C.H., the M.M. examination in pædiatrics of the Society of Apothecaries of London, and the final examination for sick children's nurses of the General Nursing Council, and these will be read with interest by many.

The book contains much information in small compass and should prove valuable to those in search of such a manual.

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PRINCIPLES OF DIAGNOSIS, PROGNOSIS AND TREATMENT.

(Second Edition).

By ROBERT HUTCHISON, M.D., LL.D., F.R.C.P. John Wright & Sons, Ltd. Bristol. 1937. Price 3/6 net.

There are many who will be grateful to Dr. Robert Hutchison for bringing out a new edition of his well-known essays on Diagnosis, Prognosis and Treatment. Although, as he says in his preface, "there is nothing in them that has not been said often before," they are so full of wise thoughts couched in beautiful and at times characteristically Hutchisonian phraseology that one cannot rise from their perusal and not be a wiser and a better physician. We should also like to congratulate the publishers on the elegance of the volume—the style of the paper, the type and the binding. Indeed, we can imagine no more appropriate gift to be put into the hands of a newly-fledged doctor.