BOOK REVIEWS

DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM
F. M. R. Walshe
(Edinburgh, E. and S. Livingstone, Ltd., 1947. Pp. 351. 16s.)

The fact that this book has reached a sixth edition shows how favourably it is regarded by students and graduates alike. Each previous edition has seen small alterations and improvements: in this, the latest, several chapters have been rewritten and others modified, and many illustrations have been introduced. The book retains its attractiveness, and the additions will ensure that it will continue to be one of the best textbooks on neurology in the English language.

MEDICAL DISORDERS OF THE LOCOMOTOR SYSTEM
Ernest Fletcher
(Edinburgh, E. and S. Livingstone, Ltd., 1947. Pp. 625. 45s.)

This book, concerned chiefly with rheumatic diseases, refers to some conditions of interest to neurologists. There is a well arranged chapter on sciatica, but the section given over to treatment may meet with comment.

INTRODUCTION TO CLINICAL NEUROLOGY
Gordon Holmes
(Edinburgh, E. and S. Livingstone, Ltd., 1946. Pp. 183. 12s. 6d.)

During the last twenty-five years British neurology has owed much to Gordon Holmes. His ward rounds and his clinical demonstrations have been a focus to which young neurologists from all over the world have been attracted. They know how much they have been influenced by his teaching, and have doubtless wished that their own students in their turn could come under the same stimulating influence. This is now possible: the younger generation will have an opportunity of benefiting from the teaching of Holmes, who has gathered together in this volume a description of the nature and significance of symptoms and physical signs. It is true that all students, and not only those specializing in neurology, should read this book, for in it they will find, ably outlined, an approach to a study of the indication of disease which is based essentially on the application of the knowledge of anatomy, physiology, and pathology. No student of neurology will have completed his training or his library who fails to read this book.

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF DAVID . . .
(London, Victor Gollancz, 1946. Pp. 168. 7s. 6d.)

This is a book that will be of interest to psychologists. It tells, in the author's own words, his lifelong struggle against psychological illness. His childhood background, his long searchings for employment, his experiences as office assistant and Canadian ho-bo, his battle against uncontrollable urges to self-exposure, his experiences as an inmate of an asylum, and his eventual success as a Fleet Street journalist, are recorded with a compelling candour and sincerity. It is the epic of a lifelong struggle to maintain a belief in the justice of nature and to work out a personal philosophy in the face of monstrous and insuperable torments. It makes interesting reading.