

BOOK REVIEW : BOEKBESPREKING

MANUAL OF SURGICAL TECHNIQUE

Manual of Surgical Technique. By W. F. Bowers, M.D., Ph.D., F.A.C.S., T. H. Hewlett, M.D., M.S. (Surg.), F.A.C.S. and G. J. Thomas, B.A., M.A. (Med. Art). Pp. ix + 317. Illustrated. \$14.00. Springfield, Ill.: Charles C. Thomas. 1963.

In these days of super-specialization it is, indeed, a bold author who presents a manual of surgical technique covering

all common operations, in not only general surgery but practically all branches of surgery, in one volume of 317 pages. As a result the text suffers grossly from terse descriptions of technique. Indications for surgery and common pitfalls are almost entirely neglected. This is a pity because some parts of this book are excellent and the medical illustrations are truly magnificent.

This book is not for the inexperienced, but may be useful as a ready reference for the discriminating surgeon. W.M.R.