presentation of health and educational principles as applied to health teaching of younger children. Her own diagrams and drawings are often used to illustrate a point. Her emphasis is on "health education as a potent force in happy and effective everyday living," and the illustrative materials are in keeping with this emphasis. The book should be a useful reference for both the preservice and inservice education of elementary teachers.

RUTH E. GROUT

Cancer: A Manual for Practitioners—By The American Cancer Society (Massachusetts Division) Inc. (2nd ed.) Boston, 1950. 308 pp. Price, $2.00 per single copy. $1.50 for quantities of 100 or more.

This second edition as published by the Massachusetts Division of the American Cancer Society is a recommended volume which summarizes from a great variety of sources dependable information which should be at the disposal of practitioners, and which will also prove a resource to public health nurses and others who come into contact with many people.

The Committee on Publication under the Chairmanship of Dr. Ernest M. Daland, with five other distinguished physicians on the committee, guarantees the reliability of the volume and the authors themselves are leaders in the cancer field. This volume has been produced in cooperation with the Division of Cancer and Other Chronic Diseases of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

REGINALD M. ATWATER


The comprehensive title of this little book leads one to expect well documented material in the fields of medicine and surgery, pediatrics and obstetrics. In reality it is made up of seven relatively short sections originally presented in "talks" at Columbia University as the Bamton Lectures in America. The lectures were given largely in non-technical language and are of considerable popular interest but present very little actually new that has a direct bearing on the public health as generally understood. Recent work in immunization, in antibiotics, and the use of isotopes is given scanty attention. The procedures described in "Modern Surgery of the Heart and Lungs" and in "Modern Prevention and Treatment of Mental Disease," especially "Psychosurgery" on the frontal lobes, are interesting and exciting but have been applied to relatively so few selected cases it is difficult to assess their value to the public health. The last two sections on "The Socio-Economic Aspects of Medical Care" are a frank plea for voluntary health insurance and a condemnation of so-called compulsory health insurance. Very little new has been brought out, as practically all of the arguments pro and con have been emphasized from time to time since Bismarck and Lloyd George first set up systems of compulsory insurance.

RICHARD ARTHUR BOLT


The volume presents a series of papers and discussions on many aspects of the problem of aging. They mostly concern animal experiments. The book is particularly useful as a reference for those doing research in this field. The best chapter is "The Pathology of Senescent Animals." The extensive chapter on care of animals is a useful byproduct. The editor has prepared a bibliography which materially enhances