

soil is a vehicle for the spread of the disease. Some evidence is also submitted towards proving that goitre may spread from one person to another when they live together and use the same dishes in common. In concluding his argument this statement is made: "I have endeavored to put as succinctly as possible the facts and the logical conclusions whereon are based my belief that the essential cause of endemic goitre is a micro-organism that finds its home in the intestinal canal of man, and there creates a toxin which so influences the thyroid gland that it undergoes the enlargement which is the dominant symptom of the infection." This is a most refreshing book to read. It is so original in argument and so full of illuminating investigation.

THROAT, NOSE, AND EAR.

Diseases of the Throat, Nose and Ear, for the use of Students and Practitioners. By W. G. Porter, M.B., B.Sc., F.R.C.S., Surgeon to the Eye, Ear and Throat Infirmary, Edinburgh, Surgeon, Ear and Throat Department, Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, Aurist to the Edinburgh Royal Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb. With 77 illustrations, 44 of which are in colors. Toronto: The Macmillan Company of Canada. 1912. Price, \$2.25.

In a brief form this little volume of 275 pages covers the three fields of nose, throat and ear affections. The author aims at being brief, but he also aims at being clear. There is no superfluous discussion on any subject, and by this means the size of the book is kept down. The essentials are given and in such a form that the reader can quickly arrive at the position of the author, who has enjoyed exceptional opportunities of becoming familiar with all phases of disease of these regions. This volume makes a first-class guide to the recognition and treatment of nose, throat and ear affections. To all who wish to make themselves acquainted with the views on such subjects would do well to study this book. It is also got up in a very attractive form, and does great credit to the publishers.

HUMAN EMBRYOLOGY.

The Development of the Human Body, a Manual of Human Embryology. By J. Playfair McMurrich, A.M., Ph.D., LL.D., Professor of Anatomy in the University of Michigan. Fourth edition, revised and enlarged, with 285 illustrations, several being in colors. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son & Company, 1012 Walnut Street. 1913. Price, \$2.50.

We believe that embryology is one of the subjects in a liberal medical education that is shunned more than perhaps any other on the curriculum. For this there are two main reasons. The first is that some students do not look upon the subject as of much value in their