

syphilis in its primary, secondary, and tertiary periods. His work gives evidence of extensive research and careful induction. We shall look with interest for the two succeeding volumes. If these should justify the promise of the first volume the completed work will be a monument of careful historical and scientific industry which cannot fail to be appreciated by the profession.

THE INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL ANNUAL and Practitioner's Index for 1892. Edited by P. W. Williams, M.D., Secretary of Staff, assisted by a corps of thirty-two collaborators—European and American—specialists in their several departments. 644 octavo pages. Illustrated. \$2.75. E. B. Treat, Publisher, 5 Cooper Union, New York.

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The Author says:—"In preparing this work, I have endeavored to meet the requirements of the senior student and general practitioner, although I trust the following pages may not be altogether without interest for the laryngologist and aural surgeon.

Assuming that every reader will have at his command works on anatomy and physiology, I have not discussed the structure and functions of the parts, but have contented myself by incorporating in the text anatomical and physiological hints where such are specially required on clinical

grounds. All drawings of instruments have been omitted, because it has always appeared to me that they are unnecessary, for the very simple reason that the practitioner must possess the means of operating before he proceeds to operate.

It has been my earnest desire to omit nothing of importance, but, at the same time, I have endeavored so to apportion the space as to attain the maximum of usefulness to the general practitioner.

The more common diseases have, therefore, been discussed at some length, while those which rarely occur have been dealt with more shortly. To the first of these statements there will be found a few exceptions. It will be noticed that certain very important subjects have had a comparatively small space allotted to them, e.g., diphtheria and injuries of the larynx. This is, however, due, not to deficient appreciation of their importance, but to the fact that they are fully discussed in works on general medicine and surgery.

I have considered it desirable to make this explanation, as it has been necessary to economise space, in order to make the present work convey, within a volume of reasonable dimensions, the main facts of modern Laryngology, Rhinology and Otolology."

As this volume covers 650 pages and has been written with evident care, the title is rather a modest one; for even the specialist could hardly need more information than this book contains. The work is divided into Diseases of the Pharynx, Larynx, Nose and Ear, each part being subdivided into chapters on Methods of Examination and Therapeutics, Acute Inflammation, Chronic Inflammation, Chronic Infective Diseases, Various Conditions, Neoplasms, Neurosis, &c. We can safely say that this is the most practical work on diseases of the nose, throat and ear that has come under our notice during the last ten years.

PRACTICAL MIDWIFERY, a Handbook of Treatment.

By Edward Reynolds, M.D., Fellow of the American Gynecological Society, of the Obstetric Society of Boston, etc.; Assistant in Obstetrics in Harvard University; Physician to Out-Patients of the Boston Lying-in Hospital, etc., etc. With one hundred and twenty-one illustrations. New York: William & Co., 1892.

We cannot better explain the character of the work than by quoting the following remarks from the author's preface:—"With all the literary activity which has of late prevailed in obstetrics, it is a curious fact that there has hitherto been no attempt to render the technical details of obstetric practice readily accessible to the student. The necessity of making the general principles of treatment intelligible to the duller reader, of course, compels the more extended text-books to omit its minor details, and a five-year's experience in the superintendence of the practical work of the advanced students of the Harvard Medical School, in their daily attendance upon by far the largest obstetrical clinic in America, has fully demonstrated to me the importance of this deficiency in our literature. This volume is the result of that experience, and is an attempt to furnish to students and inexperienced practitioners a full description of those practical details of conduct which are necessary to the management of every case of gestation, labor, or the convalescence therefrom. It further aims to supply to such men a concise description of at least one method of dealing with each of the emergencies of obstetrical practice.

If it appears to settle most points of practice dog-