

BOOK REVIEWS.

DISEASES OF THE HEART AND AORTA.

By Arthur Douglas Hirschfelder, M.D., Associate in Medicine, John Hopkins' University, with an introduction by Lewellys F. Barker, M.D., LL.D., Professor of Medicine, John Hopkins University. 329 illustrations by the author. Philadelphia and London: J. B. Lippincott Company.

A large volume of 630 pages should tell us a good deal when it is devoted to the diseases of one organ. This volume makes its entry for the first time. It is given the recommendation of Dr. Barker, whom most of us know and esteem. The entire study of heart affections has undergone very marked change during the past 20 years. The circulatory system was at one time viewed almost solely from the standpoint of the heart; but now the influence of the blood vessels and the varying conditions of blood pressure are being carefully considered. It is in this way that a new field has been opened up, and the need for new books and a new statement of the whole case has become urgent. Of recent years this want has been met to a fair degree by some of the newer books. The present volume by Professor Hirschfelder comes at an opportune time, and does much to consolidate the work of recent investigators and place the latest views in a clear manner before the student of cardiology. For this we are thankful. The author groups his observations under four headings: 1. General Considerations and Methods of Diagnosis; 2. Diseased Conditions due to Diffuse Pathological Processes; 3. Diseased Conditions due to Localized Lesions; 4. Functional Diseases without Anatomical Lesions. The latest methods of diagnosis are carefully discussed. It is in this aspect of the author's teachings that a good deal of satisfaction will be found. The parts devoted to treatment are also full and explicit, and will prove very helpful. The author is somewhat of an optimist in the management and prognosis of cardiac affections. This is a wholesome position to take, and its influence upon the younger readers will be most beneficial. The illustrations are numerous and excellent. We bespeak for this work a wide sale.

FRACTURES AND SEPARATED EPIPHYSES.

By Albert J. Walton, F.R.C.S., Eng., M.D., Lond., L.R.C.P., M.B., B.Sc., Lond., Surgical Registrar, London Hospital, London: Edward Arnold, 1910; Price, 10s. 6d. All rights reserved.

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