

work on surgery with which we are acquainted. The publishers have chosen a specially good quality of paper, which adds much to the pleasure of reading. The binding is artistic, with gilt tops. We would like to see a copy of this work in the possession of everyone who has anything to do with the class of cases the author discusses. One must have a work of reference on such an important branch of surgery, and we take it this is the one to follow.

LOCOMOTOR ATAXIA.

A Surgical Treatment of Locomotor Ataxia, by L. N. Denslow, M.D., Fellow New York Academy of Medicine; Late Physician, Diseases of the Skin (out-patients), Bellevue Hospital, New York; Late Professor, Genito-Urinary Surgery and Venereal Diseases, St. Paul Medical College, Minnesota, London. Bailliere, Tindall & Cox, 8 Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, 1912. Price, 3s 6d net.

The author takes the position that syphilis is a *causa causans* of locomotor ataxia; but he goes a step further and contends that there is in the majority of cases some source of irritation that keeps up disturbing reflexes. This irritation in most cases will be found in the urethra. He cites a series of cases from his practice where the treatment of a stricture or some diseased condition of the urethra greatly relieved or cured the ataxic condition. He gives cogent reasons for accepting this view. The book is a most interesting one, and we recommend its perusal by our readers. The cases he reports would seem to carry with them the weight of authority. The book is a neat little volume, and reflects credit upon the well-known house from which it issues.

PROGRESSIVE MEDICINE.

A Quarterly Digest of Advances, Discoveries, and Improvements in the Medical and Surgical Sciences. Edited by H. A. Hare, M.D., and L. F. Appleman. March 1st, 1912. Lea & Febiger, Philadelphia and New York. Price, \$6 per annum.

This number contains Surgery of the Head and Neck, by Dr. C. H. Frazier; Infectious Diseases, by Dr. John Ruhräh; Diseases of Children, by F. M. Crandall; Rhinology and Laryngology, by Dr. D. B. Kyle, and Otology, by Dr. A. B. Duel. These articles are all specially well written and contain reliable information. These quarterly volumes can be recommended as up to date in every way.