

Rhinology, as taught by the author, some statements have slipped into the work, almost in the light of dogmas, which the reviewer cannot accept as accurate, for instance:

"Acute inflammation of the mucous membrane lining the accessory sinuses of the nose is an exceedingly common occurrence."

"Naso-pharyngeal polypi . . . have, like nasal polypi, a marked tendency to return."

"Hemorrhage is frequently persistent after excision of the uvula."

"Hypertrophy of the Lingual Tonsil . . . may be very much relieved or cured for the time being, but the lymphoid hypertrophy frequently returns."

"In chronic granular pharyngitis . . . operation, in spite of cocaine, is quite painful, and in nervous patients a general anesthetic is preferable."

In the experience of the reviewer, naso-pharyngeal polypus has always occurred singly; and once removed, has never been reproduced. Also, after uvulotomy, the only instances in which there was persistent bleeding have been cases in which too large a segment of the uvula has been excised—an exceedingly rare occurrence. Likewise, in cases of chronic granular pharyngitis, he has always found that the application of a ten per cent. solution of cocaine was sufficient to produce complete local anesthesia, permitting the removal of the granulations without pain even in nervous patients.

With the exception of a few slight digressions of the above character, Dr. Coakley's book is an excellent résumé of the subjects of laryngology and rhinology, brought down to the experience of to-day. In it there are good plates, and cuts illustrative of the technique of operative work. The opening plate, illustrating transillumination of the antra is an excellent one; while the cuts demonstrating the sites of sinus disease and the methods of treatment are instructive.

To the matter of diagnosis the author has devoted much attention. This is particularly so in reference to sinus disease, and to elucidate this branch of the subject more fully he has rewritten and reillustrated the chapter bearing upon it.

For convenience of the reader, a special chapter upon therapeutics has been added.

The publishers have also done their part toward producing a compact and well-finished book