

*Diseases of the Nose and Throat.* By J. PRICE-BROWN, M.B., L.R.C.P.E., Fellow of the American Laryngological Society; Laryngologist to Toronto Western Hospital; Laryngologist to the Protestant Orphans' Home, etc. Illustrated with 159 engravings, 6 full-page color-plates, and 9 color-cuts in the text, many of them original. Philadelphia and London: The F. A. Davis Company, Publishers. 1900.

Within a very recent period there have appeared a number of new works on this subject, besides new editions from well-known authors. But the work before us is welcome to the list because of its excellent features. The work consists of 471 octavo pages. This would seem a large work, but the difficulty is not in writing this number of pages, but rather in reducing that vast amount of material into the above space. This task the author has accomplished in a most satisfactory manner. Thus, while the book is large, it is not too large, and it is full and complete without being padded out.

Another feature of many special and general works is that the space allotted to the several diseases is not balanced, one disease receiving too lengthy attention while another receives too little. This mistake has been here carefully avoided. The various diseases of the nose, throat, and larynx have a due measure of space given them. In this way the reader is spared an over discussion of one condition to be annoyed by the scant consideration of another. The author will certainly merit the thanks of the readers for the care that has been displayed in this particular.

Another very pleasing feature of the work is that it is written in readable and enjoyable English. Altogether too often medical works may be good in matter, but so bad in the form of language employed that it is drudgery to read a chapter on any disease. The style in the present work is clear, direct, condensed and expressive. There is not an ambiguous sentence in the book.

The first section of the work is devoted to the nasal passages, and occupies 181 pages; the chapters on the diseases of the pharynx take up 143 pages, and those on the larynx the remainder of the book, 147 pages. It will thus be seen that there are three convenient-sized monographs in one volume.

There is an independency of thought throughout the work that is refreshing. It is never very pleasant to read a mere compilation, and often far from instructive. But this work is no mere compilation. While the author has availed himself to the fullest extent of all that is good in the treatises, he has followed none in any slavish manner. He has maintained throughout his individuality. He has something to say, and says it in his own way, giving the reader the full benefit of the