

A considerable section is devoted to the different vaccines, serotherapy and X-ray treatment. Preventive Medicine and Climatology are well represented.

This series will be found very useful for reference, covering as it does the whole field of medical literature for the year.

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*Aids to Microscopic Diagnosis.* (Bacterial and Parasitic Diseases). Student's Aid Series. By E. BLAKE KNOX. London: Bailliere, Tindall & Cox. 1909.

This handbook will probably serve the purpose for which it has been written: "to supply those preparing for examinations with a work for revision purposes of a convenient size," etc., as the author states in the preface. It is concise, and contains a great deal of useful information succinctly compiled in one hundred and fifty pages. The ground covered is indicated in the title. The statement on page 87 that "Post-typhoid thrombosis may be prevented by giving either citric acid or fresh lemonade, which precipitates the excess of lime salts in the blood and makes it more fluid," is hardly likely to find general acceptance. On the whole, however, it is an admirably prepared compend and will doubtless be found very useful for many who prefer a concise and convenient aid.

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The December number of the *Annals of Surgery* (Philadelphia), which completes the fiftieth volume of that journal, is worthy of more than passing notice. It is a jubilee number, and, by its size and the character of its contents, fitly marks so important an event in its history. The cosmopolitan character of the journal is seen from the list of contributors, which comprises the leaders in surgery of England, Scotland, Denmark, France, Italy, Hawaii, Canada, and the United States.

Twenty-two articles form a number of more than four hundred pages. The illustrations, some of which are colored, are profuse, making a volume which merits the term of a jubilee number. Such an event in the history of any medical journal is worthy of note.