

## *The Physician's Library.*

*A Manual of Diseases of the Nose, Throat, and Ear.* By E. BALDWIN GLEASON, M.D., Clinical Professor of Otology at the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia. 12mo of 556 pages, profusely illustrated. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1907. Flexible leather, \$2.50 net. Canadian agents: J. A. Carveth & Co., Ltd.

This book is called a manual, and was written for students and general practitioners. It is really more than a manual, and if not written for specialists, may with very great profit be read by them. The arrangement of the subject-matter and the selection of the illustrations enhances very materially the pleasure one derives from reading this book.

In discussing mycosis of the pharynx the author, after discussing rather fully methods of treatment, says, "Occasionally the growths disappear spontaneously." As these masses of lepto-thrix cause no symptoms and always get well themselves, one cannot argue that caustery punctures and caustics are necessary. In the illustration on page 218 the line of incision should be higher. In discussing the etiology of subacute laryngitis attention is drawn to the necessity of seeing that the furnace is so fixed that no escape of carbon-dioxide gas takes place into the hot-air chamber. This measure alone, Gleason says, sometimes prevents many members of a household from having repeated attacks of sore throat. In cases of chronic laryngitis the author says that orthoform sometimes quickly relieves pain, congestion and hoarseness. As orthoform only acts where the mucous membrane is destroyed, he must mean chronic laryngitis with ulceration.

The portion of the book devoted to the ear is larger than usual in small books. It is thoroughly up-to-date and splendidly illustrated. At the end of the book are found forty-two pages devoted to formulae.

In addition to the prescription is given a full account of the methods of use and the action of the various remedies. This feature is of decided advantage and one sure to be very much appreciated by general practitioners. The book is a very neat, compact volume and a credit both to the author and publishers.