

careful scrutiny, so as to include the very latest advances in this very important branch of medical science. Much of the matter has been rearranged, the text has been more fully illuminated by additional references to cases, and a number of new figures and tables have been added.

In reviewing this excellent work, we have found that it covers the field completely and thoroughly, nothing of practical importance to the physician or lawyer having been omitted. In our opinion, there is no doubt that the work will meet with as great favor as the previous edition—a popularity which it certainly deserves.

*Medical Monograph Series.* No. IX., Adenoids. By WYATT WINGRAVE. Physician and Pathologist, Central London Throat and Ear Hospital. Pp. 128, crown 8vo. Price 2s. 6d., net. London: Bailliere, Tindall & Cox.

At the Central London Throat Hospital one may, any afternoon, rain or shine, see an interesting gymnastic performance in the removal of tonsils and adenoids under nitrous oxide anesthesia. True, it needs a dextrous surgeon, a somewhat husky nurse to hold the struggling patient—but they do it just the same. The private opinion publicly expressed by the older patients as to the surgeon's character are somewhat interesting, too; but then, what will you?

Of Dr. Wingrave's experience there can be no question, and he has treated the whole question of adenoids in a very readable and thorough manner. He devotes a chapter to the question of recurrence, so that evidently it is not unknown to him, for nitrous oxide anesthesia conduces to acrobatic surgery rather than thoroughness.

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*Kirke's Hand-Book of Physiology.* Hand-book of Physiology, revised by FREDERICK C. BUSCH, B.S., M.D., Professor of Physiology, Medical Department, University of Buffalo. Fifth American revision, with 535 illustrations, including many in colors. New York: Wm. Wood & Co. 1904.

Kirke's Physiology has for many years been looked upon as a standby for both student and practitioner, and, judging from Dr. Busch's revised edition just to hand, it will be many years before it will be replaced as a college text-book. The book has been carefully gone over and revised, some parts having been condensed and others extended, so that the profession have now a thoroughly modern work on physiology, written in an interesting and concise manner.