

very large preponderance of chronic deafness is due to derangement of aural accommodation. This is the cause, he holds, in those with paracutic deafness. This reprint of the author's address on the subject is well worthy of careful study. It will be found most interesting, in so far as it goes to prove that the old treatment of forcing air into the ear through the nostril is wrong.

DICTIONARY OF TREATMENT.

A Dictionary of Treatment, including Medical and Surgical Therapeutics. By Sir William Whitla, M.A., M.D., LL.D., Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics in Queen's University, Belfast; Senior Physician to, and Lecturer on, Clinical Medicine, Royal Victoria Hospital. Author of "Pharmacy, Materia Medica, and Therapeutics," Practice and Theory of Medicine, etc., etc., etc. Fifth Edition, 28th Thousand. London: Bailthere, Tindall and Cox, 8 Henrietta Street, Covent Garden; 1912. Price, 16 shillings net.

This is a dictionary of medicine arranged alphabetically. The space allotted to each subject is in due proportion to its importance. This is not always an easy thing to do, but the author has the happy faculty of knowing how much should be said on each disease. The book is what its title states, a work on treatment. It is thoroughly practical, and reveals throughout the hand of the experienced clinician. Some attention is paid to prevention in disease; and useful suggestions laid as to how to prevent as well as cure disease. The first edition appeared in 1891. The author remarks in the preface to the first edition that he commenced to write a therapeutic index for his work on pharmacy, materia medica and therapeutics. What was intended to be about 60 pages grew into a volume of 1,000 pages. The present edition contains 1,204 printed pages. The book contains numerous formulæ for the guidance of those who consult these pages. These formulæ are of a very useful and practical character. They show that the author, on the one hand, is not a polypharmacist, and on the other, that he is most resourceful in the use of drugs for the treatment of disease. It would be very difficult to set forth the merits of this book in the space at our disposal. Suffice it to say, that it is one of the most perfect on the subject that we are acquainted with in any language. It has enjoyed wide sale—and this has been all too limited considering its worth. The publishers have chosen good paper and used clear type. The book contains an almost incredible amount of information.

DENTAL CARIES.

The Prevention of Dental Cavies. By J. Sim Wallace, D.Sc., M.D., L.D.S., Dental Surgeon and Lecturer on Dental Surgery and Pathology, London Hospital, etc. Second Edition. London: Published at the office of the Dental Record, Alston House, Newman Street, W. 1912. Price, 1/6 net.