

and exfoliated membrane, and the fatal issue that must follow its obstruction, furnishes me with many doubts as to the value of this modification.

In Chapter 2, some practical points in the anatomy of the larynx are given, with illustrations.

Chapter 3 is clear, concise and perspicuous in the delineation of the technique of the operation, and he who intends to intubate, should carefully note and practise every point here mentioned, unless I should except one of some little importance. On page 44, for the removal of the thread, he advises re-introducing the gag and the finger before drawing on the thread. This I have never found necessary. I cut one of the threads near the mouth and then by bringing the other nearly taut, give it a few gentle taps with the index finger; the short end will be seen to rapidly recede into the mouth and may be easily withdrawn.

The after-treatment is finally considered in Chapter 4, together with the means of overcoming certain complications likely to arise, all of which should be carefully noted.

The time for removal of the tube is discussed, but I should like to have seen some mention made of the indications and contra-indications for intubation, wherein lies a nice field for the discriminating and judicious physician's observations.

In all, this monograph is to be commended to those who purpose intubating. It contains all that is important and nothing superfluous.

**THE APPLIED ANATOMY OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM**, by Ambrose L. Ranney, A.M., M.D., Professor of the Anatomy and Physiology of the Nervous System in the New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital. Second Edition. Profusely illustrated. Price \$5.00. W. J. Gage & Co., Toronto.

This is without exception one of the best treatises on Applied Anatomy of the Nervous System to be found in any language. It is clearly written, the type good, and the plates are all that could be desired. In reading the ordinary works on the Physiology of the Nervous System, one finds many contradictions, and many confused ideas naturally result. In this work every part is, so far as possible, dealt with separately, carefully, and thoroughly explained so as to leave its teachings clear in the mind of the student. We especially recommend this treatise, for it is a work of great excellence, and we are sure one which the neurolo-

gist will find indispensable, while the general practitioner will find it one of the most useful works in his library.

**HYSTERIA AND BRAIN TUMOUR**; and some other cases of Nervous Disease. By Mary Putnam Jacob, M.D. New York and London: G. P. Putnam & Sons.

This is a collection of excellent essays on those diseases which are so often so closely similar in their clinical phenomena. Hysteria may be said to be the simulation of all nervous diseases, and the characters of it in its close simulation to many serious organic affections of the nervous system is well shown in this series of essays.

**AMERICAN SYSTEM OF OBSTETRICS BY AMERICAN AUTHORS**. Edited by Barton Cooke Hirst, M.D., Associate Professor of Obstetrics in University of Pennsylvania, Obstetrician to the Philadelphia and Maternity Hospitals, etc. Vol. I. Lea Bros. & Co.

The literature of obstetrics and gynaecology is fast becoming so extensive that some reliable system is needed in which the practitioner may find everything practical and scientific without having to wade through innumerable pages in support of every new theory. This system is to hand in the work above mentioned, and if the subsequent volumes compare favourably with this one, we are sure it will be a work well received and highly prized by the medical profession. We can recommend it highly, it is an exhaustive treatise of the subject and clearly written.

**THE LANGUAGE OF MEDICINE**: A manual giving the Origin, Etymology, Pronunciation and Meaning of the Technical Terms found in Medical Literature. By F. R. Campbell, A.M., M.D., Prof. Materia Medica and Therapeutics, Medical Department of Niagara University. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Toronto: W. J. Gage & Co. Price, \$3.00.

This work is a useful dictionary, in which is traced the origin and use of all terms used in medicine. It is a valuable book for students.

**OLD SOUTH LEAFLETS**. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston, Mass.

These leaflets are interesting, containing as they do such matter as 'The Declaration of Independence,' 'Franklin's Plan of Union,' 'The Constitution of the United States.' They are published for schools and for the trade by the above firm.