

BOOK REVIEWS

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One can always count on finding something of interest in this Quarterly, and the present volume is fully up to the average. A careful analysis by I. A. Scott of 110 cases of Perforation of the Intestine in Typhoid Fever occurring in the Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, in the last 8 years, is of special value to Western readers. Symptomatology and differential diagnosis are considered in detail, and the article is well worth careful study.

Guisez of Paris in a very readable article puts in a plea for the use of the Oesophagoscope and gives his personal experiences. Of interest is the fact which he emphasizes that the oesophagus, in life, is not a tube of more or less even calibre, but a spindle-shaped cavity, whose walls can be examined by the instrument without risk.

Corier of St. Thomas' Hospital, in a thoughtful article, thinks there is a growing field for the wiring of fractured bones in certain positions, where the usual splint or plaster gives unsatisfactory results. Such fractures are those of the shafts of bones, particularly if surrounded by thick muscles, as the femur, 2nd, those in the neighborhood of joints, as the knees, and lastly fractures of the neck of the humerus or femur.

Clogg of Charing Cross Hospital has a most interesting article on "Pericolic Inflammation." Much light is thrown on those obscure cases of thickening, tumor formation and abscess around the pelvic colon. These are shown to be sometimes connected with tiny diverticula of the colon, often inflammatory products around the colon, secondary to lesions of the mucus membrane, the result of chronic constipation or dysenteric-like disease and sometimes of tubercular or cancerous origin.

Knox of Johns Hopkins gives a resume on the Diarrhoeal Disorders of infants, Gibbon of Philadelphia writes on Melanotic Neoplasms, while Warren Walker has a good article, illustrated by photographs on "Myositis Ossificans Progressiva."

The most finished and attractive article in the volume is by Joseph Jastrow, Professor of Psychology in the University of Wisconsin. Jastrow gives, in his "On the Trail to the Subconscious," a masterly analysis of the Subconscious in health and disease. The literary charm of the article carries the medical reader along over the difficulties of unfamiliar phraseology and thought.

Morrison Ray has a good article on "Adenoid Vegetations," while Surgeons especially will find it worth their while to read Sherren's article on "The Diagnosis of Injuries of the Peripheral Nerves from those of the Spinal Cord."

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