

a great deal of information on the matter of the growth of scientific knowledge. He points out that the popes have often been real friends to medical progress, and the growth of our knowledge of disease. The author refers to the medical schools of Rome, Ferrara, Perugia, and Bologna as having been under papal patronage. Upon the whole this is a very interesting work on the history of medicine in some aspects, and of science in a more general aspect. We have read this book with pleasure and can commend the tempered and fair way in which the author presents his arguments to his readers. There is much real information to be gleaned from its pages. The book is got up in a very attractive form.

THE READING PATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

A History of the Reading Pathological Society. By Jamieson B. Hurry, M. A., M.D., President of the Society. With illustrations. London: John Bale, Sons and Danielsson, Great Titchfield Street, W., 1909. Price, 7s. 6d.

We can say of this book that it is got up with very great taste. The binding, the paper, the typography, and the illustrations are of the very best. The reading matter is of a somewhat local character, but nevertheless interesting, and shows what a society may do. The society was established in 1841.

IMMUNISATION.

Studies on Immunisation and their application to the diagnosis and treatment of Bacterial Infections. By Sir A. E. Wright, M.D., F.R.S., Director of the Department for Therapeutic Immunisation, St. Mary's Hospital, London W.; late Professor of Pathology, Army Medical School, Netley, London: Archibald Constable & Co., 1909. Price, 16s. Toronto: The Copp Clark Co., Limited. Price, \$4.80.

The main position of this very interesting book is to be found in the motto "The Physician of the future will be an Immuniser." Those who had the pleasure of hearing Sir A. E. Wright on the occasion of his visit to Toronto, will recall with what zeal he upheld the doctrine of the important part played by the opsonic theory in the domain of infectious diseases. Since then Professor Wright has done a vast amount of additional original research. A considerable portion of the book is made up of papers which have already been published; but are revised and brought to the present views held upon the subject of immunity. The various chapters discuss such topics as Agglutinins, Bactericidius, Opsonins, Therapeutic Immunisation. On the importance of the vaccine theory and the place played by opsonins, the author has much confidence. Note the