

Book Reviews.

Diseases of the Heart and Arterial System. By ROBERT H. BARCOCK, A M., M.D., Professor of Clinical Medicine and Diseases of the Chest, College Physician and Surgeon. Chicago, etc., etc. With three colored plates and 139 illustrations. New York and London: D. Appleton & Co., 1903.

The author, in the preparation of this work, has endeavored to present the subject in a simple, practical fashion to meet the needs of the student and practitioner of medicine. Special attention has been paid to treatment, and this part of the subject will be found more detailed than is the case in most books dealing with diseases of the heart.

Section I. Deals with the diseases of the pericardium.

Section II. Diseases of the endocardium.

Section III. Diseases of the endocardium.

Section IV. Treats on the cardiac neuroses or functional diseases of the heart.

Section V. Diseases of the arterial system.

Some of the chapters are especially strong, and well and carefully written. The phraseology has been kept simple and free from needless technicalities, while in terminology an attempt has been made to employ the terms which are in most familiar use among English-speaking physicians.

We commend this work to the attention of all practitioners of medicine who desire to keep in the advance guard.

Diseases of the Ear. A Text-book for practitioners and students of medicine. By EDWARD BRADFORD DEXCH, Ph.B., M.D., Professor of Diseases of the Ear in the University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College. In one octavo volume of 718 pages, with 15 plates and 158 illustrations in the text. Third edition, revised and enlarged. D. Appleton & Company, New York and London, 1903.

This edition of the well-known author's work has been brought well up to date in almost every particular.

Section I. is devoted to the anatomy and the physiology of the ear. It is rather doubtful whether the information here given might not more profitably be obtained from some of the standard text-books devoted exclusively to these subjects. One's knowledge of anatomy is nothing if not accurate and in detail.

Section II. treats of the diseases of the conducting apparatus, and here much valuable information is given. For example: the use of the syringe in the removal of foreign bodies from the ear, is sound advice. Again, in the removal of impacted cerumen, the author advises complete removal at one sitting.

In Section III. diseases of the middle ear are also handled in a masterful manner.

In acute catarrhal otitis media, the author advises the complete relief from pain for five or six hours, by the use of morphine, coupled with local blood-letting for relief of the inflammation.