

child, or he would know that such a statement is far from the fact.

As to the necessity of early operation in appendicitis, of course all modern surgeons agree. F. N. G. S.

*Age Incidence, Sex and Comparative Frequency in Disease.* By JAMES GRANT ANDREW, Bachelor of Medicine and Master of Surgery; Fellow of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons; Surgeon to the Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow; Author of "Tuberculous Disease of the Hip-Joint." Baillière, Tindall & Cox, 8 Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, London. 1909.

The comparative frequency medical and surgical disease as to sex and age is, in this book, based upon the analyses of more than 42,000 cases that were cared for in one institution—the Western Infirmary, Glasgow—and thus the statements made must be received as authentic. It is convenient and helpful from a diagnostic standpoint to have in one volume such a classification. The various diseases are arranged alphabetically, and the ages in periods of ten years. In every affection the largest number of cases treated in the different decades is given, with the percentage in each decade, and Dr. Andrew, in his careful survey, found quite a number of instances in which the decade of the average age corresponded with the decade providing the largest number of cases. The book is easily read; is very interesting, and can be put to profitable use for even a few minutes at a time without losing a thread of thought.

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