

OBITUARY NOTICE.

By the regrettable death of Dr. Edward Woakes, which took place on September 30, our speciality loses one of the band of ardent and enthusiastic pioneers whose devoted labours have prepared the way for a succeeding generation of workers. A quarter of a century has passed since Woakes was the centre of a controversy which almost reached cyclonic dimensions. The din and the dust of the conflict aroused by "necrosing ethmoiditis" have long since died away, but the figure of the protagonist still stands out as that of a man whose views, though perhaps not altogether accepted, will nevertheless always command attention from the historian of rhinology as one of the starting-points in the evolution of nasal pathology. His original building may have disappeared, but some of the stones he hewed have gone into the new edifice.

Dr. Woakes, the son of a medical man, was born at Luton, Bedfordshire, in 1837. His student days were passed at St. Thomas's Hospital, where he had a brilliant career, qualifying L.S.A. and M.R.C.S. in 1858. In 1860 he took the M.B.(Lond.) and in 1863 the doctorate. After several years of general practice in his native town he migrated in 1876 to London and began the practice of otology and rhinology. His ability and energy soon procured for him a post on the staff of Golden Square Hospital, and, later, the appointment as Senior Aural Surgeon to the London Hospital. After leaving Golden Square he took a prominent part in the foundation of the London Throat Hospital, Great Portland Street, of which he was Consulting Surgeon at the time of his death.

His published articles and works are numerous, and many of them have had a wide circulation.

Dr. Woakes leaves a family of a daughter and two sons, one of whom is a well-known member of the profession his father so long adorned. We most respectfully tender to them our deepest sympathy in their irreparable loss.

NEW REMEDIES.

Adrenalin Gauze Tape, Sterilised, produced by Messrs Parke, Davis and Co., London, promises to be very useful to the surgeon as a hæmostatic dressing, swab or tampon. It is prepared by impregnating tape lengths of soft gauze (sterilised) with 1 in 2000 solution of adrenalin chloride, and packed in sterile air-tight glass jars furnished with aluminium screw caps, through which any desired length of tape can be withdrawn whilst the bulk remains unexposed. The edges are selvaged, thus avoiding the annoyance of loose strands. Adrenalin Gauze Tape is supplied in two dimensions, either 10 yards of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch or 5 yards of $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches width.

BOOK RECEIVED.

Diseases of the Throat, Nose, and Ear, for Practitioners and Students.
By *W. G. Porter*, M.B., B.Sc., F.R.C.S.Ed. Bristol: John Wright & Sons, Ltd., 1912.