

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bartholomew, E. Urquhart.—*Two Notes on the Treatment of Syphilis by Arylarsonates.* "Lancet," February 27, 1909, p. 613.

Two cases, the second of which is the more interesting. Seven years after infection ulceration of the nose and cheeks appeared and resisted treatment by mercury and iodide of potassium. Orsudan, gr. x, was injected daily until one hundred grains had been given. Cure, rapid and complete.
Dan McKenzie.

REVIEWS.

Die Krankheiten der oberen Luftwege, aus der Praxis für die Praxis (Diseases of the Upper Air-Passages, from Practice for Practice). By Prof. MORITZ SCHMIDT. Fourth edition, revised by Prof. EDMUND MEYER, with 180 figures in the text, one heliogravure and five plates. Berlin: Julius Springer, 1909.

For many years Prof. Moritz Schmidt's work on the diseases of the upper air-passages had been looked upon as an authoritative guide which has thoroughly exemplified its motto of its being "from practice for practice." The illness and lamented death of the author prevented him from having the gratification of bringing out a fourth edition, and of embodying in it the results of the extraordinary novelties introduced into medical practice since the publication of the previous one. He had time, however, to place in the hands of Prof. Dr. Edmund Meyer, of Berlin, the honourable task which he could no longer himself perform. Prof. Meyer has happily introduced into the book the results of recent investigations, and has added to it many fresh observations from the modern literature of the subject. The new edition has been carried out entirely on the same lines as the former ones, but the chapters have been subdivided in such a way as to make it more convenient both for reference and study. Among the newer points which receive consideration may be noted the sero-diagnosis and atoxyl treatment of syphilis, the opsonin tests and the conjunctival and cutaneous tuberculin reactions, and the radiosopic investigation of the nasal accessory sinuses, but there is scarcely a chapter in which some striking novelty has failed to be introduced. Sections have also been added dealing with the manifestations in the upper air-passages of foot and mouth disease, anthrax, cerebro-spinal meningitis, beri-beri, gonorrhœa, leukæmia and pseudo-leukæmia. We have, in the literature of the last subject, met with the report of a case in which a leukæmic growth in the naso-pharynx was mistaken for simple adenoid vegetations and was operated upon as such with rapidly fatal result. This observation appears to have escaped Prof. Meyer's notice, but he states very definitely that above all things, wherever possible, operative interference is to be avoided. In spite of these additions to the matter the reviser has succeeded in making a considerable reduction in the number of pages in the volume.

We must congratulate Prof. Meyer upon the successful way in which he has infused his own personal views into the book while still reverently preserving in it all that was most characteristic of the illustrious practitioner by whom it was originally written. The names of authors are appended with great liberality to the statements quoted from their works,