James Mackenzie's well-known views, the future of medicine rests. The regular study of the "Medical Annual" will certainly help the general practitioner towards the development of the commanding status which Sir James Mackenzie postulates for him. *J. D.-G.*

Handbook of Diseases of the Nose, Throat, and Ear: For Students and Practitioners. By W. S. Syme, M.D., F.R.F.P. & S.G., F.R.S.E.

In this little handbook the whole field of the diseases of the nose, throat and ear is reviewed in just over 300 pages. The page is small, and the type relatively large. It will therefore be readily understood that hardly more than a hurried outline of the triple subject is presented, and, indeed, could be presented within the limits of a scope so narrow.

Dr. Syme rigidly confines himself to facts and conclusions derived from his own wide experience, but few authorities are quoted, and no space is devoted to theory or to themes of a controversial nature. The result is a clear and safe, but cursory view—sometimes, it may be objected, too general and remote—of the whole ground, but valuable to those who are about to begin their training in these subjects.

The relative importance of some parts of the speciality is, perhaps, not sufficiently brought out, for we find the whole subject of intrathoracic endoscopy enclosed within ten or eleven pages, and illustrated by two plates.

In the section devoted to diseases of the nose the author shows a preference for the intranasal treatment of the suppurating frontal sinus, the external operation being denounced as "a very severe and prolonged procedure."

It is interesting to observe that the author has applied treatment by means of bronchoscopy in dealing with many cases of spasmodic asthma, and "with very beneficial results."

The little book is supplied with a good index. *Archer Ryland.*

NOTES AND QUERIES.

Royal Society of Medicine: Otological Section.

The next meeting of this Section will be held on Friday, November 19 next. Notices and papers should be sent in not later than Tuesday, November 2 Secretaries: Mr. Lionel Colledge and Mr. Norman Patterson.

Royal Society of Medicine: Laryngological Section.

The next meeting of this Section will be held on Friday, December 3 next. Notices and papers should be sent in not later than Tuesday, November 23.

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