integrity of which was not afterwards confirmed. Further, the source of sound used and the manner in which it was conducted were such that they would rather tend to injure the delicate unankylosed joint than to induce it to act in a physiological manner. In further support of his theory the author has examined the anatomical relations of the hammer-ambos joint in suckers, and finds that, as in most species of animals, there is a bony or fibro-cartilaginous ankylosis between the two ossicles; in some species he found a rudimentary joint, which, however, was not associated with any increase of auditory acuteness. He is of opinion that fixation of the joint is more conductive to good hearing than otherwise. *J. B. Horgan.*

REVIEW.

Diseases of the Throat, Nose and Ear. By W. G. Porter, M.B., B.Sc., F.R.C.S.Ed. Bristol: John Wright & Sons, Ltd., 1912. Pp. xii + 275. With 77 illustrations, 44 of which are in colours.

In writing this book, the author's main object has been to provide the practitioner and senior student with a single volume of moderate size embracing sufficient information on the diseases of the regions with which it deals to be of value in practice. It may be said at once that the author has signally succeeded in his task, and has produced a work which contains a large amount of well-digested and accurate information packed in a surprisingly small compass. With the object noted above, he has given special attention to diagnosis and to treatment in so far as the latter can be carried out by the non-specialist, but he has given no descriptions of major operations, contenting himself with their indications and general features.

The book is divided into four sections, dealing with Diseases of the Pharynx, the Larynx, the Nose, and the Ear, and one cannot but admire the variety of the information given and its soundness. Moreover the work is thoroughly up-to-date, the style is good, and the general get-up of the production is all that can be desired. The coloured plates are unusually numerous and well executed. Altogether the work is eminently suited to the purpose for which it is designed *Macleod Yearsley.*

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The next lecture by Dr. J. Kerr Love will deal with "Sporadic Congenital or Infantile Deafness. Syphilitic Deafness," and will be delivered at the Royal Sanitary Institute on Thursday, December 5, at 6 p.m.

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