So that, whatever value the book may have in other respects, as a contribution to the solution of an important otological problem, it does not, unfortunately, carry us very far, and the mists of prejudice and ignorance that have clung about this method of treatment for so long a time still remain as dense as ever. *Dan McKenzie.*

NOTES AND QUERIES.

At a meeting of the Glasgow University Court, held on December 12, 1913, Dr. John Macintyre was appointed a University Lecturer on Diseases of the Nose and Throat, and Dr. J. Kerr Love was appointed a University Lecturer on Diseases of the Ear.

Mr. Harold L. Whale, London, has been appointed Surgeon for Diseases of the Ear, Throat and Nose to the Hampstead General and North-West London Hospital.

We are interested to observe that what seems to be a new and commendable departure has been taken by the Western Ophthalmic Hospital, London, in appointing a Surgeon for Diseases of the Throat, Nose and Ear to the Institution.

Mr. Harold A. Kisch has been appointed to the post.

Radium in Deafness.

Dr. Walker Wood writes: "In the Journal of Laryngology, Rhinology and Otology of January, 1914, in 'Notes and Queries,' there is a question by 'Retzius' as to the value of radium in the treatment of deafness. I have seen and examined many cases treated by the ultra X rays (which are practically the same as those utilised in radium treatment), and the results in my opinion are unsatisfactory. The improvement, such as it was in four cases shown at the British Oto-Laryngological Society in July last, might quite easily be explained by improvement in general health or be simple variations in hearing. Also such an improvement is obtainable in other ways than by radium."

Dr. Max Halle (Berlin) also writes: "A few days ago there was a meeting of the Otological Society, at which various reports were made from different quarters on experiments with radium, mesothorium, and with the latest *réclame*, diathermy. It came as no surprise to any person of intelligence that the reports were unanimously negative. Not a single observer had seen any result, apart from the subjective sensations of the patients. All objective experiments were absolutely negative!"

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