The utility of this recent development of X-ray work is perhaps not yet sufficiently appreciated by oto-laryngologists, and this small book, albeit so sketchy and incomplete, may still be of some service to them as an introduction to an important subject. *Dan McKenzie.*

Throat and Ear Troubles. By MACLEOD YEARSLEY, F.R.C.S., with 12 illustrations. London: Methuen & Co. Price 1s.

Good common sense is the leading note in this little book, one of Methuen's Health Series, edited by Mr. A. Bishop Harman.

After a brief and accurate description of the anatomy and physiology Mr. Yearsley devotes his attention to such matters as "the importance of nasal breathing," "enlarged tonsils," "the care of the voice," and "the prevention of deafness," finishing up with a well-worded caution against quacks and quackery.

An excellent example this of the popular health-book.

Dan McKenzie.

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To the Editor of THE JOURNAL OF LARYNGOLOGY, RHINOGOLOGY, AND OTOLOGY.

SIR,—I am much indebted to Mr. Macleod Yearsley for his kind remarks about my paper, and for his interesting comments.

Although sceptical as to the relation between nasal obstruction (excepting due to adenoids and naso-pharyngeal tumours) and *chronic middle-ear deafness*, even when of the catarrhal type, I am most anxious to be convinced. Mr. Yearsley assumes the connection and proceeds to explain it. While I have the greatest respect for anything which emanates from him, I cannot help thinking that on this occasion he is rather putting the cart before the horse. Let him first prove that defective nasal drainage is a cause of chronic middle-ear deafness and then explain the relation.

If they really stand to each other in the position of cause and effect, all that would be required is the publication of a series of carefully-treated cases in which no other treatment than removal of nasal obstruction has been carried out, with their results.

I need not at present introduce the arguments which might be elaborated from such facts, as for instance the rare occurrence of deafness in cases of nasal polypus, etc.

I am, yours faithfully,

P. MCBRIDE.

September 17th, 1916.

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