REVIEW.

Handbook of Diseases of the Ear. By RICHARD LAKE, F.R.C.S.Eng. Published by Baillière, Tindall and Cox, London, pp. 232, with three coloured plates.

The readers of this journal are so familiar with Mr. Richard Lake's name and work that they will be prepared to give an eager welcome to his "Handbook of Diseases of the Ear." It begins with a description of the more important anatomical points in regards to which Mr. Lake has always been a diligent and original investigator. There follows an excellent chapter on the general and special investigation of the patient, containing numerous valuable "wrinkles." The author discusses the question of intra-nasal treatment in a very dispassionate manner. The antagonism to this factor in treatment entertained by some observers is well known to our readers, and Mr. Lake advocates a very reasonable "happy mean." One of his sentences is apparently the expression of a self-evident proposition, namely, "Intra-nasal surgery may be undertaken with advantage if it is possible to render more lasting any benefit obtained from special attention to the ear." Probably this sentence would be clearer if divided into two, as is the case in several instances throughout the book where the obvious desire to avoid wordiness has been carried to an unnecessary extent. The portion of the description of tuning-fork tests at the foot of page 48 would stand amplification. The chapter on acute inflammations is concise and practical. In the one on the chronic inflammations the distinction between the adhesive and the sclerotic forms is well brought out. We doubt whether the statement that in oto-sclerosis "the bone-conduction is diminished" is meant to be interpreted absolutely (p. 128). Chronic suppurative inflammation and its complications as well as the necessary operations are well described. The coloured plates and engravings will be found most helpful, the latter being of exceptional merit.

Altogether the work is eminently instructive. The statements are throughout most reliable and the opinions sound. The only improvement we could desire would be a slight revision here and there of the literary form. The book ought to command a ready sale and a second edition ought soon to be required.

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