ex-vacuo, with transudation of serum out of the blood-vessels in the middle ear and at the same time diminished absorption of inflammatory secretions. He thinks that the beneficial effects he attributes to the air-douche are thus explained. *Dundas Grant.*

REVIEW.

The Anæsthetic Technique for Operations on the Nose and Throat. By A. DE PRENDERVILLE, M.R.C.S. Many Illustrations. Demy 8vo, cloth, price 3*s.* 6*d.* London: H. J. Glaisher, 57, Wigmore Street, W. 1906.

This work of eighty pages describes very fully the special duties of the anæsthetist in dealing with throat and nose operations. The writer, after several years of continuous work with a number of throat surgeons, has thoroughly grasped what is required of him in the double *rôle* of administrator and chief assistant. Since it is the duty of the anæsthetist in these cases to keep the air-way free both by the use of the sponge and by the posture of the head and arrangement of the tongue and lower jaw, it is very necessary that he should have definite guiding rules, and these will be found in this book.

After examining the patient and learning the nature of the operation, he should be able to use his own judgment in the selection of the various drugs, mixtures, and sequences, and the anæsthetist who has no special experience in the matter will do well to follow the writer of this work in making his choice. About half of the book is devoted to the subject of administration in the sitting posture. Probably nothing has done more of late years to advance nasal surgery than the adoption of the sitting posture for chloroform narcosis, and yet at many general hospitals it is difficult to obtain the services of an anæsthetist who does not regard it as a somewhat risky experiment. Many rhinologists will, therefore, be glad to have Dr. de Prenderville's book to lend to less experienced anæsthetists with whom they may be officially associated, for it contains a very definite and detailed description of the method, together with a discussion of its advantages and disadvantages in certain cases, and of the precautions which must be observed. After reading this work no professed anæsthetist will care to say that the sitting posture has not long since passed out of the region of experiment, for he cannot fail to recognise that the author is drawing on a prolonged and varied personal experience of his subject. The book is very readable, and the use of leaded type for the cardinal points, besides serving the purpose for which it is intended, gives the surgical reader evidence that the writer has grasped what is essential to a successful administration.

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