deals with pathological anatomy, under which head the false membranes and the pathological changes in the blood and urine are discussed. The fourth and fifth chapters are devoted to symptomatology; the sixth deals with diagnosis and prognosis; and the seventh with therapeusis. The author recommends that energetic local treatment should be avoided, and disinfection, oxalic acid, and sufficiently nutritious diet be the means relied on. RAMON DE LA SOTA.

HADDON.—Notes from Private Practice: I. On Sore Throat.[1]

THE author is evidently a very observant general practitioner. If all who are engaged in this department of practice would record their experiences in the same manner, much help would be given to those engaged in special study. The relations of the "sore throat" to infectious diseases generally, and what—to borrow a natural history expression—we may term "the life history" of such conditions, are of great importance, and no one can study these conditions so well as the general practitioner. The section relating to "Infectious Sore Throat" is much the most interesting. Under this head the author includes several varieties, and thinks they depend upon different causes, or the same cause under different conditions. Insanitation, certain meteorological states favour their origin and spread, and infected milk is a potent propagator. He relates cases of hospital sore throat, diphtheria, and scarlatinal sore throat, and expresses the opinion that cases of so-called croup met with in boys up to about six years of age are conditions resulting from a chill, and accompanied with bronchial mischief and some change in the larynx. Such cases during an epidemic of diphtheria may, however, be slight cases of laryngeal diphtheria, and should be carefully watched. The author regards tracheotomy in laryngeal diphtheria as distinctly discouraging, usually forbidden in general practice and often undertaken as a last resort, and suggests intubation. Several interesting cases are related by the author. The pamphlet will repay perusal.

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NOTES.

Honours for Laryngology. Laryngologists will be pleased to learn that Her Majesty the Queen has signified her intention of conferring the dignity of knighthood upon Dr. Morell Mackenzie in recognition of his services in the treatment of H.I.H. the Crown Prince of Germany.

The British Medical Association Meeting. This year, for the first time, laryngology was awarded a prominent place at the Dublin meeting. The section does not appear to have been very successful, either as regards the number of laryngologists present or the results of the meeting. It is to be hoped that at the

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