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Merrill, W. H.—A Case of Nerve-Deafness due to the Toxæmia of Diabetes. "Boston Med. and Surg. Journ.," June 5, 1911, p. 849.

Man, aged fifty-five. Deaf in right ear twenty years; left became deaf one morning, without vertigo or nausea. Treated by inflation with slight improvement. Urine contained a large quantity of sugar. The author considers the case to be one of neuritis of the eighth nerve. The case indicates the importance of general systemic examination.

Macleod Yearsley.

Hintze, K. (Bangkok).—Labyrinth Syphilis in the Early Period of the Secondary Stage. "Münch. med. Wochens.," No. 22, May 30, 1911.

Evidently the recent publications of Ehrlich and Benario upon the subject of neuro-recurrence have reminded Dr. Hintze of this case, which he reports at considerable length. The patient was a man who had been under the author's care some years ago on account of syphilis. Seven months after the primary sore, and six weeks after the completion of two short and inadequate courses of mercurial injections, facial paralysis and ptosis, affecting the right side, suddenly supervened, but recovered after a month of further anti-syphilitic treatment. Two months later (ten months after the date of infection) the patient was suddenly prostrated, with great giddiness, accompanied by vomiting, tinnitus, and defective hearing in both ears. Under energetic treatment by mercury and pilocarpin injections the giddiness passed off in a month, but, owing to the patient going abroad, the ultimate results as regards the hearing and tinnitus could not be ascertained. Dr. Hintze, who has had a very large experience of syphilis, both in the tropics and in Europe, regards labrinthine syphilis occurring in the early stage as very rare.

J. Stoddart Barr.

Leto, Dr. Luigi (Palermo).—Paralysis of the Abducent Nerve of Otic origin. "Bolletino delle Mal. d'Orecchia, etc.," Florence, 1911, p. 73.

In 1904 Gradenigo described the group of symptoms with which his name has been since associated—acute or chronic suppurative otitis media, violent pains in the parieto-temporal region, and paralysis of the sixth cranial nerve. The author refers at considerable length to the various views as to the pathogenesis of this condition in a paper too long and detailed to be adequately dealt with in an abstract. He gives the history of a man affected with this group of symptoms. There is a bibliography of nineteen references. *James Donelan.*

BOOK RECEIVED.

A Practical Handbook of the Diseases of the Ear for Senior Students and Practitioners. By *Wm. Milligan*, M.D., Aurist and Laryngologist to the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and *Wyatt Wingrave*, M.D., Pathologist (lately Physician) to the Central London Throat and Ear Hospital, London. With 293 illustrations and 6 coloured plates. London: Macmillan & Co., Ltd., 1911.

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