diseases receive full consideration, each year appearing to supply fresh observations in regard to these questions.

Mr. Foster Moore abstracts, from the ophthalmologist's point of view, papers by Leon White on loss of sight (retro-bulbar neuritis) from posterior accessory sinus disease, and Sydney Stephenson on acute anterior ethmoiditis in young subjects. Neither of these subjects has escaped notice in the Laryngological Section of the Royal Society of Medicine, but they are worthy of further consideration and these papers are well deserving of study.

In general medicine and surgery this Annual seems almost to beat its own record for variety and interest. An examination paper set on this issue of the Annual would afford an ideal test of the up-to-dateness of any practitioner.

Dundas Grant.

Injuries to the Head and Neck. By LAWSON WHALE, M.D., F.R.C.S., with Preface by Col. F. F. BURGHARD, C.B., M.D., M.S., F.R.C.S. London: Baillière, Tindall & Cox. Price 15s. net.

Mr. Whale has succeeded in writing a book which will prove useful and instructive, not only to those who are still treating war injuries, but also to the general surgeon and specialist engaged in civil practice.

The author never allows himself to forget the important rôle played by cavities and mucous membranes. He shows clearly that the severity of a wound generally depends, not on its superficial extent, but on the harm done to structures which are out of sight. A careful record has been kept of many interesting cases, and some of the deductions and conclusions will be most helpful.

The advance made by Mr. Whale, and others working along the same lines, has added an entirely new and a very important chapter to surgery.

The book is well illustrated and there are many interesting photographs, bearing testimony to the skill of the author as a plastic surgeon.

Norman Patterson.

Some Questions of Phonetic Theory. Chapter V: The Perception of Sound.

By WILFRID PERRETT. Reader in German in the University of London. Cambridge: W. Heffer & Sons, Ltd., 1919. Price 2s.

This seems to be an effort to prove from phonetics that the Helmholtz theory of cochlear function is unsound, while that of Sir Thomas Wright is in harmony with the facts.

Mr. Perrett's style, however, is so facetious and so remotely allusive that it is difficult to follow his argument, and impossible to express an opinion upon its worth.

Dan McKenzie.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

OTOLOGICAL SECTION OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.

The next meeting of this Section will be held on January 16, 1920. Secretaries: Mr. H. Buckland Jones and Mr. Lionel Colledge.

LARYNGOLOGICAL SECTION OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.

The next meeting of this Section will be held on February 6, 1920. Secretaries: Dr. Irwin Moore and Mr. Charles W. Hope.

THE SCOTTISH OTOLOGICAL AND LARYNGOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

The next meeting of this Society will be held in the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, on Saturday, December 13, 1919, at 3 p.m. Secretary: Dr. W. S. Syme.

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