structure. The illustrations are numerous and excellent, and the volume is one of the most up-to-date text-books upon the subject of the anatomy of the mouth which has appeared in recent years. D. S. R.

DIE PROTOZOEN ALS PARASITEN UND KRANKHEITSERREGER. Presented from a biological standpoint. By DR. F. DOFLEIN. Pp. 274, with 220 illustrations. Jena: G. Fischer, 1901.

It is seldom one sees a text-book of this nature in which it is so easy to find just what he wants. The arranging and indexing is perfect. After a brief but comprehensive introduction on protozoa and parasites, the author takes up the protozoan parasites systematically and in detail. The descriptions, though at a time sketchy, are much helped out by the copious illustrations. Some of the illustrations are original—more, however, after the original drawings by those who have given the first descriptions of the organism. In the case of each organism, particular attention is given to its life cycle and the various hosts invaded by it; and, further, there is added a brief statement of lesions and symptoms produced in the host. The text is completed by reference to the original description of such species, a section on technique for each important group, and a bibliography for each class, indicating the more important works on the subject. The book is completed by a table of contents, index of subject-matter, of hosts, of authors, and of illustrations. Though one may not agree with the author as to proper terminology and as to some minor points of interpretation, the book as a whole is one to be recommended to those interested in the parasitic diseases of protozoan origin. C. H. B.

PROGRESSIVE MEDICINE. Vol. III., September, 1902. A Quarterly Digest of Advances, Discoveries, and Improvements in the Medical and Surgical Sciences. Edited by HOBART AMORY HARE, M.D., Professor of Therapeutics and Materia Medica in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia. Octavo, cloth, 421 pages, 26 illustrations. Philadelphia and New York: Lea Brothers & Co.

IN close accord with the high standard of excellence set by preceding numbers, there has appeared the third volume of *Progressive Medicine* of this year. The first part, by W. Ewart, deals with the Diseases of the Thorax and Its Viscera, including the heart, lungs, and blood-vessels; the second, by W. S. Gottheil, with Dermatology and Syphilis; the third, by W. G. Spiller, with the Nervous System; the fourth and last, by R. C. Norris, with Obstetrics. Each of these articles, in addition to containing a résumé of the more important of the recent work upon its respective subjects, is enhanced in value by the embodiment of the notes and comments of the able contributors, whose eminence in their particular branches entitles their opinions to consideration and respect.

The choice of the articles abstracted, as well as the terse and lucid manner in which they are set forth, renders the book of invaluable

service to the practitioner who tries to keep abreast of the vast and voluminous wave of modern medical literature. G. W. N.

THE PRACTICAL MEDICINE SERIES OF YEAR BOOKS. Under the general editorial charge of GUSTAVUS P. HEAD, M.D. Vol. X. Skin and Venereal Diseases; Nervous and Mental Diseases. Edited by W. L. BAUM and HUGH T. PATRICK. Chicago: The Year Book Publishers.

THE rapid growth of knowledge in every department of medicine provides such abundant material for year books and similar publications that the editors of this volume deserve the reader's thanks for keeping it within such moderate limits. The selection of the material attests their excellent judgment as well as their diligence, and while the treatment of the various subjects is necessarily brief, the book is most suggestive, and the abundant bibliographical references incite to further study. Although the book is so compact and the subject-matter judiciously arranged under bold-faced headings, a very full index is also added, which makes the finding of any desired subject the work of only a few minutes. R. M. G.

REGIONAL MINOR SURGERY, DESCRIBING THE TREATMENT OF THOSE CONDITIONS DAILY ENCOUNTERED BY THE GENERAL PRACTITIONER. By GEORGE GRAY VAN SCHAICK, M.D., Attending Surgeon to the French Hospital, New York. New York: The International Journal of Surgery Company.

It has been the author's aim to present a small book which might act as a guide to the general practitioner in treating certain minor ailments and injuries of a surgical nature. This, we think, he has well done. The opening chapter deals with asepsis, and the reader is impressed with its importance even in the performance of the most trivial surgical operation. The suturing of wounds is carefully described, and an excellent little diagram, which we have never before seen, is given, showing the method of closing a semicircular wound. This is the sort of book which it would be well for every new graduate, whether he is going at once into practice or whether he is to become a hospital resident, to read, as he will find here many minor practical points which the larger text-books do not present.

There are a number of subjects which one might suppose the author would have included in a book of this kind, but, on the whole, we think he has made a wise selection. One omission, however, we can but call attention to, and that is the absence of any chapter dealing with the treatment of fractures of the upper extremity. These fractures are very frequently treated by general practitioners. Great improvements have been made in their treatment during recent years, and we feel that the addition of a chapter or two on this subject would greatly enhance the value of the book. Another criticism we would offer is the fact that the author's description and illustrations of the Gibney adhesive strip dressing for sprains of the ankle is not the Gibney dressing as we