BOOK REVIEWS.

Forschungen und Erfahrungen (1880-1910). Eine Sammlung ausgewählter Arbeiten. (Researches and Experiences.) Von. Prof. Dr. Sir Felix Semon, K. C. V. O., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, etc Two volumes. Verlag August Hirschwald, Berlin, 1912.

Under this caption the able master in laryngology, Sir Felix Semon, has recently published a selected series of his monographs and writings in two substantial octavo volumes.

This series of papers, covering the experiences of thirty years of untiring service in the interests of laryngology, reflects the keen mind of this astute observer, and presents for the first time in collective form the most important articles that have been contributed throughout his active professional and literary career.

Many of these papers have been previously published in the transactions and proceedings of philosophical and scientific societies, which are more or less inaccessible to readers in oto-laryngology.

Important among these papers is the experimental work of Horsley and the author on: "Central Motor Innervation of the Larynx;" "A Study of Abductor Tonus;" "An Address on Vocal Training." These papers and a number of others were published in special medical journals now out of print and have long since been difficult of reference.

Another feature of the inaccessible of this literature is the fact that some was published in German and some in English; therefore making a large portion beyond the reach of exclusively German or English readers.

In presenting these selected monographs in German in two volumes the author places this valuable literature at the disposal of German readers of continental Europe and of the few in America and Britain familiar with this language. We offer the plea for our American and British readers that the author may find it possible to publish this valuable series of papers in the English language as well.

The classic essay: "The Evolution of the Study of Motor Paralysis of the Larynx" which originally appeared in Virchow's Festschrift, and the various discourses on "Innervation of the Larynx" which have appeared from time to time in the *Internationales Centralblatt fuer Laryngologie* are among the most valuable of the author's monographs that have never yet been at the disposal of English readers.

Even though our investigators are unfortunately handicapped by the fact that these interesting volumes are published in German, modern laryngology is to be congratulated in this acquisition, for it places before us in compact form and chronological order the best and selected papers of the Dean of British laryngology.

These two volumes of nearly 1400 pages, with colored plates and illustrated text constitute a monomental contribution of the original work of a fearless and logical investigator in our special field of medical science, more valuable by far than many text-books and treatises where the thoughts of numerous minds and the work of many clinicians are recorded.

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