which makes the book most readable and keeps the matter in an interesting form, with an easy and ready method of reference.

It is a volume which will be a necessity to every library, and to every practitioner who wishes to be able to lay his finger on any particular class of case and discover the latest treatment, coupled with an intelligent and unbiased criticism.

The size of the book is practically as before, and we hope the editors will see their way not to further increase its size.

The original plates and reproductions, both chromos and others, are of a very high class, and show what a large demand this book must have attained ; and we prophesy a still further success.

Dr. Ohls has replaced Dr. Hardie on the section of "Nose and Larynx," and proves an equally able editor.

Kirstein.—*Autoscopy of the Larynx and Trachea.* (Direct Examination without Mirror.) By ALFRED KIRSTEIN, M.D. Berlin. Authorized Translation (altered, enlarged, and revised by the Author). By MAX THORNER, A.M., M.D., Cincinnati, O., Professor of Clinical Laryngology and Otology, Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, Laryngologist and Aurist, Cincinnati Hospital, etc. With twelve illustrations. (Philadelphia : The F. A. Davis Co. 1897.)

IN a charmingly got-up little volume of sixty-eight pages Dr. Max Thorner has presented a translation of Dr. Kirstein's original and latest writings on autoscopy. The process of seeing the larynx directly is an ideal one, but, as the author frankly admits, is only realizable in a limited number of cases. Autoscopy requires patient practice before success is attained, and it is therefore more likely to be adopted by the younger than by the older laryngologists. The results obtained are not likely to reward the observer in a very large proportion of cases, but we cannot afford to neglect a means of seeing the larynx from a somewhat different point of view from that afforded by the laryngoscope. In any case it teaches how much may, with practice, be done by means of the forehead mirror and tongue depressor. The author recommends the method for the examination of children, also in some cases of carcinoma of the larynx, and for a certain number of operations (foreign bodies, tumours, etc.). The book is a most instructive one, and ought to be studied by all who treat the throat, whether or not they adopt the special instrument described.

Dundas Grant.

Blumenfeld.—*Specielle Diätetik und Hygiene des Lungen- und Kehlkopf-Schwindsüchtigen.* By Dr. FELIX BLUMENFELD, Wiesbaden. (Berlin : A. Hirschwald. 1897.) 108 pages.

IN this little book the author presents us with a careful, condensed, and practical study of the diet and mode of life to be adopted in different cases of consumption. Shortly stated, the object in such cases is by general measures to bring all the organs of the body into their healthiest possible condition, and whilst aiming at this to specially guard the diseased parts from any too sudden or excessive activity. The whole question affects not only the diet and various special methods of treat-