SELECTED ABSTRACTS.

Progress of Diseases of the Nose—B. A. WADDINGTON, Salem, N. J.—*Medical Age*. October, 1902.

Atrophic Rhinitis.—"The origin of the atrophic form of rhinitis is without question of remote specific diathesis." "The discharge arises from any bony cavity opening into the nose." "The odor varies in proportion to the amount of bone involvement." "Constitutional treatment has no value, the rule being that these patients are in good health."

Deviated Septum.—"Is the result of traumatism in early life." The repeated injuries from falls in early life and from blows in later life, sets up inflammatory changes, resulting in over-development of the septum.

"Nasal polyps belong to the same class as the adenoids, analogous as to tissue."

"Adenoids are confined to children. Their growth is always systemic, a localized tissue metamorphosis."

The statements made by the author are too flagrant to pass unnoticed by the reviewer. Under the title which they have been placed they are neither progressive nor recognized or accepted opinions. The fact that he closes his remarks as follows: "I have not written upon the pathological conditions mentioned in this brochure as a specialist or expert, but from the standpoint of a general practitioner of medicine."—explains the reason of his misguided ignorance of the subjects in hand and excuses him for much he has said.

STEIN.

A Simplified Method of Operating for Deflection of the Cartilaginous Septum.—DUNDAS GRANT—*Journ. of Laryngology*, Sept., 1902.

The method offered is a modification of the Old "Roberts" technique together with the idea suggested by Moure.

1. Cocainizing both sides of the septum.
2. Straightening and transfixing with the needle. (Roberts).
3. Administering nitrous oxide gas.
4. Cutting through the cartilage by means of Moure's shears horizontally below the deflection then obliquely in front of and above it parallel to the ridge of the nose, the incisions not meeting below and in front.

5. Manipulating the cartilage at the incisions, so as to encourage over-riding.

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