

BOOK REVIEWS.

Le l'enrouement chez les chanteurs. Etude physio-pathologique de la voix chante. (Hoarseness in Singers.) By DOCTOR HENRY LAVIELLE, Bordeaux. Pp. 122; A. Destout Aine and Cie, Bordeaux, 1912.

The monograph deals (1) with the physical conditions of the normal singing voice,—its intensity, its pitch, timber and resonance, the various kinds of voices and their classification, the physiological culture of the singing voice; and (2) the treatment of hoarseness,—physical agents of hoarseness, pathological and professional causes, medico-surgical treatment, re-education of the voice, preventive measures, general hygiene. A full bibliography is appended.

Diagnostic et traitement des retrecissements cicatriciels de l'esophage. (Report on Diagnosis and Treatment of Cicatricial Contractions of the Esophagus.) M. GUISEZ, Paris. Presented Oct., 1912, to the Twenty-fifth French Congress of Surgery. Pp. 103, illustrated. Assn. Francaise de Chirurgie, Paris, 1912.

The author calls cicatricial contraction of the esophagus a pathological condition, due to permanent alteration of the tube, characterized by a cicatricial degeneration of the walls with varying progressive symptoms, which tend eventually to complete obliteration of the tube. Next in frequency to cancer of the esophagus, the author regards cicatricial stenosis, and in his book discusses it from various points of view: (1) Diagnostic (clinical and physical symptoms). Esophagoscopy. (2) Therapeutic: Dilatable and non-dilatable cases. Various methods of dilatation: Surgical procedures,—Gastrostomy, external esophagotomy, esophago-gastrotomy.

Le nerf larynge superieur et sa nevrotomie. (Superior Laryngeal Nerve.) Drs. Georges Liebault and Rene Celles, Bordeaux. Pp. 35, with 7 illustrations in the text. Feret et Fils, Ed., Bordeaux, 1913.

The first chapters treat of the anatomy of the L. S., from its origin to its point of entrance into the larynx. The following chapters consider the author's operative technic of exposing the nerve which they divide into the two steps of locating and exposing the external carotid, and locating and exposing the superior laryngeal nerve, its denudation and resection.

The monograph has six clearly executed plates illustrating anatomy and operative procedures.

Les stenoses inflammatoires chroniques de la region cardiaque de l'esophage. (Chronic Inflammatory Stenoses of the Cardiac Region of the Esophagus.) DR. GEORGES LIEBAULT, Bordeaux. Pp. 132, illustrated, Imprimeries Gounouilh, Bordeaux, 1913.

In the first section of this book the author considers the anatomy of the inferior portion of the esophagus with particular emphasis on the clinical view.

In the second part chronic inflammatory stenosis forms the subject with emphasis on its pathogenesis, as suggested by the anatomy of the cardiac region. Therapeutic measures applicable to the affection are considered at length. Detailed reports of twenty-seven cases follow, some of which have been elsewhere described in medical literature.