

BOOK REVIEW

GUNSHOT INJURIES. By COLONEL LOUIS A. LAGARDE. Second revised edition. New York: William Wood & Company, 1916.

As a result of the European war the material available for a book upon this subject is enormous. There are fifteen chapters in this book dealing with technical considerations:—Characteristic lesions caused by projectiles, symptoms of gunshot wounds, infection of gunshot wounds, treatment of gunshot wounds. Gunshot wounds of the different parts of the body are taken up separately. The thirteenth chapter describes the casualties of battle. Chapter fourteen considers medicolegal phases of gunshot wounds, and the last chapter, chapter fifteen, describes the X-ray apparatus used in the field. A part of the preface to the second edition of this book gives a fairly accurate idea of what has been added to the original edition, and likewise gives a very satisfactory brief statement in the author's own words of the subjects of importance covered.

The book is a concise text-book. It proves to be interesting reading. Professor LaGarde has filled an immediate need by completing this new edition. Much will necessarily be added to subsequent editions to bring the subject up to date with the ever increasing experiences of the world war. The book is on gunshot wounds. We would like to have had thoroughly handled the treatment of fractures by splints and apparatus as used in this war in connection with both wounds and fractures. This might have taken the author too far afield. However, the treatment of the wound alone can not be apart from the apparatus for immobilization and ambulation. The book has an academic atmosphere all through. One wishes the author had gone into more detail and cited more particular cases to illustrate practical points.

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