

Letter to Editors

The description of choanal polypi is not perhaps quite happy. No mention is made of their occurrence in children, and the statement (p. 356) that they have no tendency to recur after simple removal would not obtain universal acceptance.

In describing the external operation on the frontal sinus no mention is made of the great value of a preliminary skiagram.

In the section dealing with adenoids, more emphasis might be laid on the fact that the presence of the adenoid facies, chest deformity, etc., is an indication that operation has been postponed too long, and that these signs are not essential for diagnosis. The "best age" for operation is in our opinion not "between 5 and 8 years," but whenever symptoms exist. Much harm is often done by expecting, or waiting for, the classical signs and symptoms before operation is considered necessary.

In conclusion, we can cordially recommend this work as a practical guide to the postgraduate student.

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Practical Tuberculosis. HERBERT F. GAMMONS, M.D., 8vo, p. 158.
Published by Henry Kimpton, 1921.

The little work bearing this "portmanteau" title is an essay on phthisis by the superintendent of the Woodlawn Sanatorium, Dallas, Texas, and purports to be "a book for the general practitioner and those interested in tuberculosis." In our experience American textbooks are either very good or, on the contrary, poor, and this one belongs to the latter class. The whole book is a collection of loose and frequently very questionable statements, for which, as a rule, no reason is given.

We cannot think that the book will be of much use to any general practitioner who has qualified in this country, and still less to anyone "specially interested in tuberculosis."

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The Journal of Laryngology.

SIR,—Professor Chevalier Jackson, in his interesting Critical Review of Peroral Endoscopy in the November number of the Journal, appears to throw doubt upon the value of tracheal or lower as compared with upper bronchoscopy, because "a tube too large to go through the larynx will not enter either main bronchus," and conversely a