

Book Reviews.

Aids to Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing.*

By S. Marshall, S.R.N., S.C.M., D.N.(Lond.).

MISS SUSANNA MARSHALL'S new text-book is a very important addition to the Nurses' Aid Series. Otolaryngology is quite a difficult subject to tackle, and even more difficult to present simply to student nurses looking for easily digestible information. There is no doubt that Miss Marshall has succeeded in preparing such material, and nurses interested in this special type of nursing will hail the book with delight.

Anatomy and Physiology of the ear, nose and throat has often proved to be difficult to demonstrate, and difficult to learn, but after possessing this book, both difficulties disappear. Many intelligent sufferers from Sinusitis and other allied conditions—who are not members of the professions will be glad to have the book in order to find out just what is wrong with them, and pick out a few wrinkles for helping in their own cure. Section IV and the Larynx, Trachea and œsophagus are absorbingly interesting and well-written. There are some few lucid illustrations with an illustrated glossary of instruments for use in E.N.T. work towards the end of the book, which are most instructive.

No doubt the book will be a great success.

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Aids to Tuberculosis Nursing.*

By L.E. Houghton, M.A., M.D. (Cantab.) and T. Holmes Sellars, D.M., M.Ch. (Oxon), F.R.C.S. (Eng.), with a special chapter contributed by E. T. W. Starkie, M.B., B.Ch.(Cantab.).

THIS IS A really excellent textbook on Tuberculosis for Nurses. Every conceivable aspect of the disease is explored and explained in a simple, lucid manner and the style is conversational rather than text. Medical and surgical treatments are clearly outlined and there is an interesting and instructive chapter on Tuberculosis in Children. The appendices are also thoroughly instructive, particularly the one dealing with interpretation of X-ray films. I was also extremely interested in Appendix I, The Examination of Sputum.

The whole book represents an invaluable guide to Nurses Studying for the examination of the British Tuberculosis Association and it is to be thoroughly recommended.

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Dawn Dusk.*

By Kathleen Murtha.

DAWN DUSK is a very good book of short poems, a small selection being written for each month of the year. Miss Murtha who is a State Registered Nurse is also quite a poet! Her sonnets are thoughtful and often very beautiful. She is obviously a great lover of nature, with a mystical bent and an observing eye. I quite loved her little work and hope to read more of her poems as they leave her clever and descriptive pen.

*Published by Arthur James, Evesham. Price 5s.

Aids to Anatomy and Physiology.*

By Katharine T. Armstrong, S.R.N., S.C.M., D.N.(Lond.).

THIS FIFTH EDITION of Miss Armstrong's "Aids to Anatomy and Physiology" is just as excellent as its illustrious predecessors. Miss Armstrong from her long experience of teaching nurses, knows exactly what they require to learn in order to pass their State Examinations, and she has prepared

a truly all-sufficient text-book for them. Many first-class new illustrations embellish the text, and the terminology has been brought up to date where necessary. I think the book is quite the best on the subject, written especially for nurses, that has yet been published. Congratulations to the author.

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The Faber Medical Dictionary.*

Edited by Sir Cecil Wakeley, Bt.

THIS IS INDEED a Colossus amongst dictionaries. The evidence of unremitting toil; of medical wisdom; of intellectual knowledge; of infinite patience and attention to detail is everywhere apparent in the 470 packed pages of Sir Cecil's medical dictionary.

In his foreword to this first edition the Editor has stated that the material has taken years of concentrated effort to compile this major collection of comprehensive medical terms, and to assemble them into this truly impressive volume. One can readily believe that statement.

No diagrams embellish this classic production, for the simple reason that illustrations would be superfluous, so easily understandable and so simply presented are the interpretations of the medical terms. Greek and Latin derivations are clearly marked, so that students of medicine and nursing can use the dictionary and browse happily amongst its rich and stimulating pages, just as will consultants, professors and specialists in the professions.

Indeed, as Sir Cecil states "it is hoped that this medical dictionary will prove of real value—not only to the medical, dental and nursing professions, but also to thousands of the laity who are working in the Health Service."

There is no doubt of the fulfilment of that hope, for the book is a treasure of wisdom and medical lore, which will attract every type of intelligent and inquisitive layman as well as doctor, dentist and nurse.

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