

The method of treating tuberculous glands by means of vaccines is not supported by any strong or convincing evidence.

In style the book is readable, and in material it will be found to contain much useful information and many very practical suggestions.

A Textbook of Gynæcological Surgery. By COMYNS BERKELEY, M.A., M.D., B.C., and VICTOR BONNEY, M.S., M.D., F.R.C.S. Pp. xi, 720. London: Cassell & Company Ltd. 1911.

This is a new and very handsome work. Its illustrations are throughout extremely clear and of ample number, whilst the coloured plates are of a very high order of artistic merit. The text represents the teaching of the Middlesex Hospital. A detailed account is first given of general surgical technique, which we regard as rather redundant in a book of this description. The method of skin preparation is the old-fashioned routine, involving many changes of lotion. The iodine method is briefly mentioned, and the reader is allowed to take his choice.

The section dealing with perineal operations suffers from an excessive elaboration of detail, whilst the important role of the levatores ani is barely mentioned, and these structures do not appear in one of the eighteen pictures which illustrate this subject.

There is a good account of the different methods of hysterectomy, with a discussion of their several merits. The wealth of illustrations accompanying the account of these operations makes it extremely clear. The book concludes with a very careful account of the after-treatment of operations, post-operative complications, and results.

Outlines of Zoology. By J. ARTHUR THOMSON, M.A. Fifth Edition. Pp. xxi., 855. London: Oxford Medical Publications. 1910.—We are delighted to see the new edition of this valuable textbook. It has a charm which is peculiarly its own, and by reason of this stands out prominently among textbooks as the most suitable to put into a beginner's hands. By this we do not mean that the book is suited only for a beginner's needs, for by the judicious use of different type the author has succeeded in cramming inside its covers more information than is to be found in many a more pretentious book, thus making it a fit guide and companion to more advanced students both in the laboratory and in the museum. In one feature—illustrations—this edition is decidedly superior to its predecessor, not only in quality but also in number. New figures have been added, old figures improved, but some old friends have disappeared. They may have appeared useless, but still they helped many a student over a difficult point. In addition to a