

MANIPULATIVE TREATMENT FOR THE MEDICAL PRACTITIONER.

By T. MARLIN, M.D., M.B., Ch.B. Edwin
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In these days of osteopathy, chiropractice and the like, it is refreshing to find a practitioner who, while acknowledging the benefits that may accrue from some of the methods of unqualified practice, has sought to put such benefits on a scientific basis. With the general public, and also with the profession, there has always been an element of mystery in connection with manipulative surgery. Dr. Marlin has bereft the whole subject of the miraculous and attempted to place it on a sound anatomical and physiological basis. In this he has been very successful. The first part of the work deals with the matter from the general point of view. He then describes with a wealth of detail and illustration the various manipulations which he recommends for different joints and different conditions. To those interested in this branch of surgery the book is to be highly recommended and Dr. Marlin has done a really useful piece of work in writing it. We can recommend this book with every confidence.

SCHISTOSOMIASIS.

By DR. RAMESES GIRGES.

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It should be possible to say all that is worth saying about human schistosomiasis in a book of 500 pages, yet the author in his

preface refers to this "little book" as making "no pretension to being a complete treatise of the subject."

The three forms of schistosomiasis are dealt with though, as the author states, he has had to rely entirely, in his account of schistosomiasis japonicum, upon the writings of others. Three chapters are devoted to the history of the disease, six to the parasites, four to epidemiology and geographical distribution. Separate sections then are given to clinical aspect, prognosis, treatment of the three diseases with a separate section to the "visceral type" of schistosomiasis *Mansoni* infections. Most of what might be written upon schistosomiasis will be found in this volume, much is the result of the author's own work during a long period of years, and over 100 pages are devoted to a discussion upon the causation of the visceral type of *S. Mansoni* infection, so-called Egyptian splenomegaly, a subject which has particularly interested him, though some of Dr. Girges' views "have and may still encounter criticism", as he himself says.

Many readers may find fault with the arrangement of the book which has produced a great deal of unnecessary repetition. Careful proof reading might have done much to correct the phraseology and errors in geography. Among omissions, there is no reference to the finding of ova in the tissues of the central nervous system and no mention is made of the splenomegaly of Northern Nyasaland first noted by H. S. Stannus and later shown by Dye to be due to schistosomiasis.



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