

Obituary.

Dr. SAMUEL SEXTON.

OTOLOGISTS have lost another well-known colleague in Dr. Sexton, who died at the age of sixty-one on the 11th of July last. He was born in Ohio, and in 1856 took his degree at Louisville. His numerous writings have obtained for him a world-wide fame, amongst the more important of his communications being, "Rare Forms of Ear Disease," "Deafness and Discharge from the Ear" (written with C. A. Duane as co-editor), "The Effect on the Ear of High Atmospheric Pressure in Tunnel Construction," "Anomalies of the Membrana Tympani from Interruption of Intra-Tympanic Air Supply," "Excision of the Ossicles of the Drum of the Ear for Chronic Purulent Inflammation of the Middle Ear Tract," "Operation for Deafness and Tinnitus due to Immobilization of the Ossicles, and for Otorrhœa," etc., etc. His name is most intimately associated in our minds with the operation of extraction of the ossicles, and his instruments for these operations are in general use.

REVIEWS.

Clarkson, A.—*A Text-Book of Histology, Descriptive and Practical, for the Use of Students.* With 174 coloured original illustrations. Bristol: John Wright & Co. London: Simkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent, & Co., Ltd. Price, 21s. net.

THE first two chapters of this book are devoted to the general methods of histology, the subsequent chapters deal severally with the structure of the tissue or organ under consideration. References have been entirely omitted, and also, in the practical portions of the work, only the well-known and tried methods are given. In the chapters dealing with general methods, the preparations and uses of the various stains are given in most practical and clear language. As an example of this we would refer to (page 41) Weigert's method of staining medullated nerve fibres. For the rest the author carries out his task well, illustrating the tissues, as they are described, by a series of beautifully drawn and coloured plates, one hundred and seventy-four in number, which of their kind stand in the foremost rank; those of the special organs and of the cerebro-spinal system being of exceptional value. It is altogether a very valuable addition to the text-books of our profession, and one which we can recommend most cordially to both teachers and students as being of great intrinsic value.

Paget, S.—*The Surgery of the Chest.* Illustrated. Bristol: John Wright & Co. London: Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent, & Co., Ltd. 10s. 6d. net.

THE author has been led by his studies and cases, several of which he has published, to write this book; he has gathered together into a handy