

## Miscellaneous

bactericidal effects other than those attributable to heat, either *in vitro* or *in vivo*.

Insufficient comparative studies have been presented to determine whether or not it is more effective in the treatment of suppuration than other simple forms of heating.

Devices of low energy output and treatments of five minutes duration or less have only a psychological effect.

The indications for the use of short wave diathermy are the same as those for the use of conventional diathermy.

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## REVIEW OF BOOK

*The Nose, Throat and Ear for Nurses and Dressers.* By MICHAEL VLASTO. Second edition. Faber & Faber, London. Price 7s. 6d.

It is very nice to see a second edition of this admirable little book. It is written so clearly and the presentation of the essentials of the various pathological conditions in a few words has been done so skilfully that the student may get more knowledge from it than from the reading of a much larger text book. As the book was primarily written for nurses the details of nursing and after care of the patients are a feature of the work and should be most helpful. The illustrations are extremely clear and well chosen, whilst the description of the operations is concise and explanatory. With regard to tracheotomy one regrets that the author seems to imply that the high operation is the one that is usually done, whilst in the after treatment of cases of laryngectomy enough stress has not perhaps been laid on the extreme importance of the constant care of skilled nurses for the whole twenty-four hours. The use of suction to keep an operation field bloodless or to deal with secretions is not referred to.

We hope that this book will soon find its way into every outpatient department and receive the welcome that it certainly deserves.

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