

warmly praising the method, and describing what he has personally witnessed of the marked improvement taking place from month to month. He has found that beneficial results from the use of this system are equally distributed in cases of *congenital* or *acquired* deafness. *Age* also seems to offer no obstacle to success. In the deaf-mute asylums of Austria practical tests have yielded most gratifying results. For nearly one year these exercises have been combined with the regular system of instruction, and the progress of the pupils, as indicated by recent tabulated reports, has been remarkable. A number of these pupils, to whom the special instruction had been given, were presented before the Society of Physicians, in Vienna, April 27th last, and the fact that these congenitally deaf pupils could hear the speaker at distances varying from several inches to ten feet, without the aid of lip-reading or signs, was in itself the most brilliant testimony of success.

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## Reviews of Books.

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*Essays in Heart and Lung Disease.* By ARTHUR FOXWELL, M.D. Pp. xiv., 476. London: CHARLES GRIFFIN AND COMPANY, LTD. 1895.

These essays have for the most part been previously published, but are here collected in book form and revised up to date. They are mostly on various points relating to pulmonary phthisis, and they give us a modern author's views on the prognosis and curability of the disease by various antiseptic and climatic modes of treatment. He concludes his account of hæmoptysis with the admonition: "Above all things let the thought of morphia be ever in your minds." He adduces much evidence in favour of iodoform in tubercular disease, and apparently prefers it to creasote and guaiacol, with which drugs his experience has been singularly unfortunate; for he states that "creasote acts as a gastric irritant in any quantity beyond a daily dose of  $\text{m} 6$ ." We cannot but think that a further experience of such drugs will greatly modify the views expressed on page 426.

The condition of the heart in debility and anæmia is a subject to which Dr. Foxwell has given much attention. His Ingleby lectures on this subject are reproduced (pp. 299 to 374), and are well worthy of careful study.