

Book Reviews.

A Text Book of Practical Medicine. By WILLIAM GILMAN THOMSON, M.D., Professor of Medicine in the Cornell University Medical College, New York; Physician to the Presbyterian and Bellevue Hospitals, New York. Lea Brothers & Co., New York and Philadelphia: 1900.

This new work on practical medicine is eminently a student's text book, and arranged with such system that the reader can with ease grasp the subject before him. The free use of bold type in appropriate places is no small aid to the student in reading to advantage.

Dr. Thomson's long years of experience as a teacher and writer have enabled him to present a work in which are blended personal clinical observations and a knowledge of medical literature. Treatment receives more consideration than is the rule. The author assumes that the reader has for his aim a knowledge of curative medicine and the character of the book is moulded by that assumption. There are seventy-nine engravings illustrating to a great extent cases in the practice of the writer of the book.

A Text Book of Gynecology. Edited by CHARLES A. L. REED, A.M., M.D., President of the American Medical Association, 1900-1901; Gynecologist and Clinical Lecturer on Surgical Diseases of Women at the Cincinnati Hospital; Fellow of the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; Fellow of the British Gynecological Society; Corresponding Member of the National Academy of Medicine Peru, etc. Illustrated by R. J. Hopkins. 900 pages, 16 mo.: 356 illustrations. D. Appleton & Co., New York: 1901.

In this work the material on certain subjects is contributed by more than one writer, the contributions being collaborated by the editor, so that in many important instances one has the advantage of the views of several persons given by themselves on the same subject. The list of contributors embraces the names of American, English, Scotch and Canadian practitioners. It is too long to be given in full. The Canadians who have taken part in the work are J. F. W. Ross, of Toronto, and Wyatt G. Johnston, of Montreal. The work is very comprehensive and at the end contains some chapters on diseases of the rectum and anus. We observe that there are still some writers who are unable to see the superiority of the clamp and cautery operation for hemorrhoids and speak of its being unsafe. We are glad to be able to support the view of the editor. We have seen a large series of clamp and cautery operations and not one fatal result.