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Great credit is due both author and publishers for the excellence represented in the printing, illustrations and scientific presentation of an interesting but abstruse department of medical research. The book must have a great influence in promoting a more widespread interest and giving information otherwise difficult to obtain in regard to the latest developments of neurology.

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**Manual of the Practice of Medicine**—Prepared especially for students, by A. A. Stevens, A.M., M.D., professor of Pathology in the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania. Instructor in Physical Diagnosis in the University of Pennsylvania. Fifth Edition, revised and enlarged. Illustrated. Price \$2.00. W. B. Saunders, 925 Walnut St., publisher. Canadian agents, J. A. Carveth & Co., Toronto, Canada.

In the multiplicity of the calls made on the medical student of the present day, ponderous Text-Books cannot occupy the place they did a decade ago. In Medicine as well as in Surgery there is much that can be boiled down, the theoretical, largely giving way to the practical. Nowhere can this be better learned than in the out-patient department of a hospital, where the practical part of medicine is ever in evidence. The author of this little manual is an out-patient physician to the Episcopal Hospital. He is, therefore, in our opinion well qualified to write a concise and practical manual. The proof of his qualification is the little volume which we most heartily commend to medical students.

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**Braithwaite's Retrospect of Medicine.** A half yearly journal, containing a retrospective view of every discovery and practical improvements of the medical sciences. Volume 120, July-December, 1899, issued January, 1900. London, Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent & Co., Limited.

We have to thank the publishers for a copy of this journal, which courtesy we quite appreciate. When we began our professional career nearly forty years ago, *Braithwaite's Retrospect* was a standard publication, to be seen on the study table of all who desired to be *au courant* in medical matters. It is the same to-day, and fills a position not occupied by any other.

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**Christian Science.** An exposition of Mrs. Eddy's wonderful discovery, including its legal aspect, a plea for sick children and other helpless sick. By William A. Purrington, Lecturer in the University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College. New York: E. B. Treat, 241-243 West 23rd Street, 1900. Price \$1.00.

Of all modern fads, none has, perhaps, attracted more attention, or gained greater headway, up to a very recent period, than that known as "Christian Science." The utter absurdity of many of