

Prof. Rudolf Virchow, the famous father of Pathology, on whom the world's highest medical honors have already been bestowed. He is in this country on a visit to Chicago, and is expected to spend about a fortnight here. Due notice will be given in the dailies of the special meetings of the Society, at which Prof. Virchow, Prof. R. R. Wright, and others, will speak on subjects of interest to the profession.

APPLICATIONS FOR BURNS.—A German hospital surgeon recommends (*Munch. Med. Woch.*) the following :

R—Linseed oil, . . . . . ℥ iv.  
Lime-water, . . . . . ℥ iv.  
Thymol, . . . . . gr. vj.

Dissolve the thymol in the oil before adding the lime-water.

#### SCROTAL ECZEMA :

R—Hydrarg. chlor. mit. . . . . ℥ i.  
Zinci oxidi, . . . . . grs. xl.  
Bismuthi subnit, . . . . . ℥ ijs.  
Lanolin, . . . . . ℥ i.  
Vaseline, . . . . . ℥ js.—M.  
Ft. ungt.

Sig.—Wash the scrotum in hot borax water, and apply the ointment night and morning.

We owe an apology to our readers for the lateness of this issue. An accident occurring to the printing press has made it unavoidable.

### Books and Pamphlets.

A PRACTICAL TREATISE ON DISEASES OF THE SKIN. By H. G. Piffard, A.M., M.D., Clinical Professor of Diseases of the Skin, University of the City of New York, Consulting Dermatologist to the Board of Health, etc. Assisted by Robt. M. Fuller, M.D., with fifty full page original plates and thirty-three illustrations. New York and London. D. Appleton & Company.

It is difficult for one not a specialist in this subject to criticise very intelligently a work such as this, but it is quite within the competency of any general practitioner to say whether or not he can derive any benefit from its perusal. The general impression given by reading this *edition de luxe* is one not so much critical as admiring. The plates and illustrations, including the photomicro-

graphs, are admirable, done by artificial light, which has been found to lend itself better to the reproduction of minute detail than ordinary diffuse day light. The paper and binding are monuments of the bibliographic art. As to the method and general plan of the work, the author has most skilfully and sensibly preserved the unities, to borrow a phrase of literary criticism. He has laid stress on disease common in this country, and left unusual ones to assume their proper place in the perspective of the needs of the American and Canadian practitioner. Eczema, acne, psoriasis, vitiligo, epithelioma, lupus, are dealt with at due length, leprosy and rarer ailments being dismissed in shorter order, and the subject is introduced by a chapter on diagnosis, which for lucid common sense and simplicity, will be accepted with the heartiest thanks of any unfortunate who has been grappling with the cumbersome system of classification prevalent in older and indeed in some recent works. The treatise does but add to the already often acknowledged indebtedness of the profession at large to the American School of Dermatologists as distinguished from those of Britain and the Continent.

A HANDBOOK OF DISEASES OF THE EYE, AND THEIR TREATMENT. By Henry K. Swansy, M.A., M.B., F.R.C.S.I., Surgeon to National Eye and Ear Infirmary, and Ophthalmic Surgeon Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, etc. Fourth edition, with illustrations. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co., 1012 Walnut Street.

The fourth edition of this most excellent and practical treatise upon diseases of the eye and their treatment has just been issued, and is considerably better than the former editions, which is saying a great deal, for Prof. Swansy has long been recognized as one of the foremost of ophthalmologists in Europe, and has compressed into his neat little work the result of many years of patient and practical research into the field of ophthalmology. This work is a general favorite, not only with students, for whom it is mainly intended, but also with practitioners, who will find within its covers a clear, concise exposition of all diseases of the eye. In an appendix, Holmgren's Method for Testing the Color Sense has been described in greater detail than in the three previous editions, while several new illustrations have been added.