

distinct. This little work is highly interesting and instructive, as it contains a series of tables made by the author and Dr. Pavy of London, as a result of experiments carried out by those gentlemen upon Weston, during his pedestrian feats both on this continent and in England. It contains much information on physical training which will be sought after by the reading public. It is to be had of Dawson Brothers, St. James Street.

*Hand-book of the Practice of Medicine.*—By M. CHARTERIS, M.D., Professor of the Practice of Medicine, Anderson's College, Glasgow, with illustrations. 8 vo. pp. 336. Philadelphia: LINDSAY & BLAKISTON, 1878. DAWSON BROS., St. James Street, Montreal.

This little work is published by the author for the purpose of recording the experience which he has gained as a physician and lecturer on clinical medicine at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary. The arrangement of the subject is similar in many respects to the generality of works on Practice of Medicine. He commences by a few general observations on disease and with bed-side hints. These are accompanied by three outline wood cuts indicating the various regions, both on the anterior and posterior surfaces of the trunk, and in a familiar way the author recommends the student to accustom himself to the different sounds elicited by percussion and auscultation in healthy individuals, so that he may more readily distinguish any departure from a healthy standard. He then passes on to the discussion of diseases proper, commencing with fevers, after which he takes up severally diseases of the respiratory organs; the organs of circulation; diseases of the abdominal viscera; of the nervous system, diseases of the spinal cord, diseases of the skin, and lastly parasites. The appendix is devoted to a series of prescriptions, which, we suppose, the author is in the habit of ordering. There are under the several headings of alteratives, resolvents, antacids, antispasmodics, diaphoretics, diuretics, emetics, expectorants, gargles and inhalations, lotions, liniments, salines, sedatives, stimulants, tonics, &c. These are all good in their way, and will be found of use. It is, what it proposes to be, a short, concise hand-book, and very good of its kind.