

and scientific knowledge upon this subject is essential. Mr. George S. Davis offers to the profession an excellent monograph upon this subject as one of his "Physicians' Leisure Library," which is issued monthly at the cost of 25 cents per month or \$2.50 per year. It is certain that in this case no one can complain of not having value received, for the book comprises 250 pages. The author devotes about half of the book to his observations upon the pathology, varieties and general principles of hernia, and then at once enters upon the study of the radical cure. The author describes the different operations for the relief of hernia by the use of a seton, laying special stress upon the method of Dr. John Wood, of London, who used wire. He then considers minutely the operation which he himself advises and uses, viz., the antiseptic animal suture. The authorities *pro* and *con* are given with much detail and technique of the operation is most minutely described. On the whole it fulfills the expression *multum in parvo*.

SYNOPSIS OF HUMAN ANATOMY, being a compound of Anatomy, including the Anatomy of the Viscera and numerous tables, by James K. Young, M.D., Instructor in Orthopædic Surgery, and Assistant Demonstrator of Surgery in the University of Pa.; Attending Orthopædic Surgeon, out-patient department University Hospital, etc., etc. Cloth, pp. 393, illustrated by numerous wood cuts. Price, \$1.40. F. A. Davis, Publisher, 2231 Filbert Street, Philadelphia, 1889.

This is a concise, yet complete, synopsis of anatomy for the use of students of medicine. Recognizing the limited time at the disposal of the students, and the unlimited amount of material to be digested, the author has endeavored, by well selected wood cuts, typographical arrangement, numerous tables, and concise yet lucid text, to facilitate the acquisition of a subject as difficult as it is essential. The aim throughout has been to make it as thoroughly complete and accurate as possible, and at the same time readily accessible for reference or study.

PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS. Its Etiology, Symptomatology and Therapeutics. By Prof. Dr. H. Von Ziemssen, Director of the Medical Clinic at Munich. Translated by David J. Doherty, A.M., M.D., Instructor in the Chicago Polyclinic. 12mo; pp. 119. Price, twenty-five cents. Detroit: George S. Davis. 1888.

This volume is one of the Physicians' Leisure Library, and contains the latest views of the teachers of Europe on Pulmonary Tuberculosis. In corresponding parts, it discusses the etiology, diagnosis, and treatment. There is also an appendix containing—(a) Tuberculosis in American Prisons, (b) Method of Examining Sputum for Bacilli. It will be thus seen that we have here, in a very convenient form, an important contribution on a vital question. The activity in the study of tuberculosis has steadily increased since Koch's famous discovery, and we look forward to the time when the results of treatment will be much better than they are now. Small volumes, like this, increase the general information by going where larger ones could not, and are therefore of much

advantage. The translation is good, though, as Dr. Doherty points out, there is some diffuseness and many repetitions which could not be avoided. As the matter was delivered in the form of lectures. This little book deserves a wide reading.

WOOD'S MEDICAL AND SURGICAL MONOGRAPH. Consisting of original treatises and of complete reproductions in English of books and monographs selected from the latest literature of foreign countries, with all illustrations, &c. Contents: Congestive Neurasthenia or Nerve Depression, by E. G. Whittle, M.D.; The Art of Embalming, by Benjamin Ward Richardson, M.D.; The Theology, Diagnosis and Treatment of Tuberculosis, by Dr. F. Von Ziemssen; Psycho-Therapeutics or Treatment by Hypnotism, by Dr. C. Lloyd Tucker; Sexual Activity and the Critical Period in Man and Woman, by Dr. Louis De Sere; Index and Contents for Vol. III. Published monthly. Price \$10 a year, single copies \$1. September, 1889. New York: William Wood & Co., 56 & 58 Lafayette Place.

The article on embalming gives a complete history of the art which furnishes most interesting reading, while the other articles fully keep up the standard of this volume with the high standard attained by its predecessors.

DISEASES OF WOMEN: A Manual of Non-Surgical Gynecology, designed especially for the use of Students and General Practitioners. By F. H. Davenport, A.B., M.D., Assistant in Gynecology, Harvard Medical School; Assistant Surgeon to the Free Hospital for Women; Physician to the Department of Gynecology, Boston Dispensary. With numerous illustrations. Philadelphia, Lee Brothers & Co., 1889.

The author has very wisely, we think, addressed his book to the student and general practitioner. He does not pretend that it is a text-book, a complete treatise on diseases of women, many of which works are too complicated and too expensive for the busy practitioner to read or the poor student to purchase. We are often asked by the latter if there is no elementary book on Gynecology in the market, and after reading Davenport's work we have had no hesitation in saying that it fills the requirement. It is properly illustrated, and has the especial merit of explaining thoroughly whatever it attempts to explain at all. This is a weak point with some of the larger books, which, it is true, are addressed rather to the specialist than to the general practitioner. At the same time we may safely say that both the student and practitioner will find everything in this book that is absolutely necessary for them to know, and that such cases as it does not deal with had better be entrusted to the skill and experience of the specialist.

THE MANAGEMENT OF LABOR AND OF THE LYING-IN PERIOD. A Guide for the Young Practitioner. By Henry G. Dandis, A.M., M.D., Professor of Obstetrics and diseases of women in Sterling Medical College; Fellow of the American Academy of Medicine; Member of the Ameri-