

WE were very sorry to hear of the serious accident which happened to Dr. T. R. Buckham recently, by being thrown from his buggy. We are glad, however, to state that he is rapidly recovering, and we trust that he will soon be able to be about again.

Books and Pamphlets.

THE INSANE IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES, by William P. Letchworth, President of the New York State Board of Charities. New York and London: G. P. Putnam's Sons (The Knickerbocker Press); Toronto: Williamson & Co., 5 King W.

This carefully prepared and nicely bound work is an historical *résumé* of the methods adopted for the treatment of the insane in olden-times, and a comparison of the methods employed to-day in asylums and institutions where this unfortunate class are cared for and treated. It is an able and exceedingly interesting treatise showing what astounding barbarity those who professed to a careful study of insanity could employ in its treatment. This work is instructive in that it shows the forms of treatment adopted to-day in the main institutions in England and the United States. It is a treatise which any practitioner can read with great profit and interest, and is very strongly in favor of those methods of treatment now generally adopted, where restraint is the exceptional and rare feature in the management of the insane.

MATERIA MEDICA AND THERAPEUTICS, by John B. Biddle, M.D., late Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics in the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. Eleventh edition, revised and enlarged, with special reference to Therapeutics, and to the Physiological action of Medicine, by Clement Biddle, M.D., and Henry Morris, M.D., Demonstrator of Obstetrics and Gynæcology, Jefferson Medical College, etc. Illustrated. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co. Toronto: Carveth & Co. 1889.

The eleventh edition of this work was rendered necessary by the exhaustion of the tenth. Some (21) new cuts have been introduced. An understanding of the physiological action of medicines is now looked upon as a *sine qua non* in rational therapeutics. In this edition the revisers, fully alive to this fact, have laid more stress upon this

part of the subject, and especially as to numerous new drugs which have lately come into general use, such as urethran, papaya, strophanthus, saccharin, sparteine, etc. Much obsolete and useless matter has been cut out, and altogether the work as it now stands is up to the standard of modern science, and as such we can recommend it to students and others desirous of gaining a full knowledge of the difficult but important subjects *Materia Medica*, and *Therapeutics*.

CAZEAUX AND TARNIER'S THEORY AND PRACTICE OF OBSTETRICS. Eighth American Edition. Edited and Revised by Robert J. Hess, M.D., with an appendix by Paul F. Mundé, M.D., with chromo-lithographs and one hundred and seventy-five wood engravings. Student's Edition. Price, \$5. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co. 1889. Toronto: Vannevar & Co.

The work of Cazeaux and Tarnier has been always considered a classic. The present enlarged edition (over 1,200 pages) is still an advance on former ones. The discussion of its merits would be superfluous. Its name as a work complete and systematic, is so well known, and its popularity has been so pronounced, that wherever the language of obstetrics is heard, the names Cazeaux and Tarnier are as household words. We can most heartily recommend it as a standard book of reference, being assured it will prove of inestimable value to all who peruse it.

ESSENTIALS OF PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY, written especially for the use of students in medicines by Condit W. Cutter, M. S., M. D., Physician-in-Chief of the New York Dispensary, etc. Third Edition. Enlarged and revised. New York & London: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Toronto: Williamson & Co., 5 King W.

In this little work the essentials of physics and chemistry are placed in such a form as to meet the requirements of the medical student who is preparing these subjects for examination. The points are clearly put, and if a student has carefully followed a larger treatise or an able course of lectures upon these subjects he will find this work a valuable aid.

WARNER'S THERAPEUTIC REFERENCE BOOK. Philadelphia: Wm. R. Warner & Co., 1889. \$1.

Contains much useful information in a small space.