

of healthy granulations. 8. The resulting cicatrix is the least possible, from the fact that parts are preserved which might otherwise, from septic influences, have died. 9. Lastly, the process of healing being unimpeded by any local disturbances, there is an absence of any constitutional symptoms.

We are pleased to note the enlargement of the *Physician and Surgeon* for January. It is a live and progressive journal and we wish its proprietor all success.

Books and Pamphlets.

A MANUAL OF HYPODERMIC MEDICATION. By Roberts Bartholow, A.M., M.D., LL.D. Fifth edition. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Co.

This edition is a compend of what is known of hypodermic medication down to Sept., 1891. It need hardly be said that it contains a vast amount of information on a subject in which many practitioners are greatly interested. If the doses given hypodermically be small, the number of medicines thus used is now very large, as this volume shows. Those who desire to be well informed in this method of medication cannot do better than consult this work, which consists of 529 good sized pages—as large as some of the class books which embrace the entire subject of materia medica and therapeutics—and is the work of one who stands very high as a therapeutical authority.

A SYSTEM OF PRACTICAL THERAPEUTICS. By American and foreign authors. Edited by Hobart Amory Hare, M. D., Professor of Therapeutics and Materia Medica in the Jefferson Medical College of Phila., Secretary of the Convention for the Revision of the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1890, Physician to St. Agnes' Hospital, Phila., etc. Assisted by Walter Chrystie, M.D., formerly Instructor in Physical Diagnosis in the University of Pennsylvania, and Physician to St. Clement's Hospital, Philadelphia. In a series of contributions by seventy-eight eminent authorities. In three large octavo volumes of 1000 pages each, with illustrations. Philadelphia: Lea Bros. & Co. Toronto: D. T. McAinsh, Canada Life Building. Price per volume: Cloth, \$6; Leather, \$7; Half Russia, \$8

We have received from the publishers the first volume of this system. To give an adequate review of the work would occupy more space than is at our disposal. We can only outline the gen-

eral impression this volume makes upon us after a careful study of its contents; and that impression is wholly in the direction, that the work is one of equal importance with any that has ever been issued. The time is ripe for a system of therapeutics. Every practitioner must have felt how meagre is the therapeutical side of our best works in medicine. Now this system will, we believe, just fill the niche that has so long been left vacant. Many excellent, but more or less limited treatises on the subject, have from time to time appeared, chiefly in connection with manuals on *Materia Medica*, but this is the first comprehensive system we have seen, and when we glance over the list of contributors and find among the seventy-eight, such names as H. C. Wood, A. D. Rockwell, Edwin Solly, Simon Baruch, Henry B. Baker, J. Burney Yeo, Solis-Cohen, James Stewart, Packard, R. W. Taylor, Lewis Smith, Sayre, Lauder Brunton, A. D. Blackader, Hyde, Sachs, and scores of others whose names are equally well-known men in the profession; we may well expect that the forthcoming work will be the best that can be produced at the present day. As is well said in the announcement:

There is an art as well as a science in Medicine and all the labors of the distinguished investigators who have by their discoveries within a generation transformed etiology, symptomatology, pathology and pharmacology, would be of little benefit to mankind if the practitioner had not found their applications in therapeutics. To the practising physician and his patient, therapeutics is the one essential subject of study, to which all the rest are subservient. It is the art of healing, and he is the most successful practitioner who is most fully acquainted with all the resources and methods which it places at his disposal.

The idea of such a "system" is to bring within the reach of the profession the collaboration of a number of men, each eminent in his own department, for it is manifestly impossible for any one man to be conversant with all its divisions, so great has been the advance made within the last few years, in this branch of medicine. We notice that surgical therapeutics have been introduced wherever necessary, to make clear and complete the subject under discussion. The publishers propose to sell the work only by subscription, and to that end have established an agency here, with D. T. McAinsh as its head. We can only say that, the first volume being an earnest of what is to follow, the system will fill a very important place in medical literature, which has hitherto been vacant and that the work should be in the hands of every practising physician in the country.