

EXPERIMENTAL PHARMACOLOGY: A Handbook of methods for studying the Physiological Action of Drugs. By L. Hermann, Prof. of Physiology, University of Zürich translated by Robert Meade Smith, M.D., Demonstrator of Physiology, University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia: Henry C. Lea's Son & Co. Toronto: N. Ure & Co.

This little book will greatly assist students and physicians in their studies of the physiological actions of drugs. It is well illustrated, and explains various simple experiments on animals so clearly, that the amateur will be enabled by following instructions to perform his own experiments without further assistance.

Transactions of the Twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Medical Society of North Carolina, and conjoint Session of the North Carolina Board of Health, 1882.

Under the presidency of Dr. Thomas F. Wood this live society held its annual meeting in Concord, North Carolina, upon the 9th of May, 1882. After the usual routine and official business, in which most complete and interesting reports were read by the chairmen of the various sections, the conjoint session of the State Board of Health was held, Dr. Whitehead, of Salisbury, presiding—the secretary, Dr. Thos. F. Wood, presented his report, which dealt in an exhaustive manner with the work accomplished by the Board: relating its determined but unsuccessful struggle for existence. Its work has been carried on without the provision of any means by the State, except the printing of blank forms and the use of the tax lists in distributing, collecting, and returning these forms with the required information. Canvassers, for the purpose of securing the attention of the Legislators to the work of the Board of Health, who had been appointed in 1881, had worked, but unfortunately to little purpose, and the struggle has ceased for the time.

The address of the President of the Society gave an interesting review of the his-

tory of the Society. Amongst other duties is that of licensing physicians. A board of examiners is appointed by the Society, and it is necessary to pass their examination in order to become a member of the Society and in order to hold any public appointment. The fact that North Carolina possesses no medical school necessitates some such central examining board.

A Practical Treatise on Diseases of the Skin, for the use of Students and Practitioners. By James Nevins Hyde, A.M., M.D., Prof. of Skin and Venereal Diseases, Rush Medical College, Chicago. Philadelphia: Henry C. Lea's Son & Co. 1883, Toronto: N. Ure & Co. Price, \$4.50.

Amongst American Manuals of Dermatology this work assumes an intermediate place between the little handbook of Bulkley (not that author's edition of Neumann) and the excellent treatise of Duhring, presenting much closer affinities with the completeness of the latter. The volume opens with an extended and excellent chapter on the anatomy and physiology of the skin, general symptomatology, etiology, diagnosis, prognosis, therapeutics and classification, a convenient modification of Hebra's being herein adopted. The various affections of the skin are then considered in order; and it may be briefly said that the author's descriptions are clear and concise; his prescriptions and directions perspicuous and judicious, displaying that happy eclecticism in the combination of the commendable characteristics of German, French, and British dermatology which has raised the American school to the highest rank in that department. The author claims no originality in his work, but merely aims at setting forth the present status of this ever-advancing branch of science. He fully acknowledges his indebtedness to his predecessors and contemporaries; and it is only fair that others should freely admit the highly satisfactory accomplishment of the task which he set before him. Students and practitioners alike will find