

Altogether it is perfectly plain that an enormous amount of work must have been done before the material was available for publication in the present neat form.

Those who are willing to look carefully into the subject will find Mr. Galton's latest work an interesting study. To the thoughtful it cannot but prove highly suggestive. W. M.

The Physician Himself. BY D. W. CATHELL. Philadelphia: F. A. Davis. 1889.

That Dr. Cathell's book has made a happy hit, is proved by the fact that it has now reached its ninth edition. It gives much valuable information in a pleasant chatty way, and the hints respecting business and ethical relations will be found particularly useful by the young practitioner. In the present edition the entire work has been revised and some new matter introduced. The publisher's part is well done; the paper is good and the print large; altogether it is a very readable and enjoyable book.

Lectures on Obstetric Nursing. BY THEOPHILUS PARVIN, M.D. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co., 1889.

The two lectures delivered recently by Professor Parvin at the Philadelphia Hospital Training School for nurses were so highly appreciated that an urgent demand was made for their publication. The author has added an appendix, in which he treats several important matters not included in the original lectures. Much valuable information is given in small compass; the teaching is sound and quite in accord with modern antiseptic practice.

Exploration of the Chest in Health and Disease. By STEPHEN SMITH BURT, M.D. New York: D. Appleton & Co. 1889.

It seems to be a necessity that every teacher of physical diagnosis should produce a little text-book, just as it is indispensable that every gynæcologist should be godfather to a pessary and