

the author felt that he had something to say worth saying, or because his publishers made it worth his while. Whatever the reason the book needs no apology. If you want a readable work on diseases of the ear—not too long and not too short—and have six shillings, or the equivalent thereof, trade the shillings for the book, and you will say all the good things about it, which I am tempted to say.

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Manual of Medicine. By THOMAS KIRKPATRICK MUNRO, M.A., M.D., Fellow of, and Examiner to, the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow; Physician to Glasgow Royal Infirmary, and Professor of Medicine in St. Mungo's College; formerly Examiner in the University of Glasgow, and Pathologist to the Victoria Infirmary. Philadelphia and New York: W. B. Saunders & Co. London: Balliere, Tindall & Cox. Canadian agents: J. A. Carveth & Co., Toronto.

Munro's "Manual of Medicine" has been written in order to provide students with a fully up-to-date volume for their purposes while at college, and yet is hardly intended for use by medical practitioners, as it does not cover sufficient ground for the latter purpose. What we have stated on several occasions in the past applies particularly well to this volume, viz., that too many of the so-called students' manuals published in recent years have not been sufficiently far advanced, and altogether too cursory in character to enable a student graduating in medicine to have the knowledge he should possess in order to pass the necessary examination in practice of medicine. Munro's "Manual of Medicine," on the other hand, has the advantage of being a more complete treatise on the subject of medicine than most manuals are, and yet does not attempt to encroach on the field held by the regular text-book.

A Text-Book of Obstetrics. By BARTON COOKE HIRST, M.D., Professor of Obstetrics in the University of Pennsylvania. Fourth edition, enlarged and thoroughly revised. Handsome octavo, 900 pages, with 746 illustrations, 59 of them in colors. Philadelphia, New York, London: W. B. Saunders & Company. Canadian Agents: J. A. Carveth & Co., Toronto. 1903. Cloth, \$5.00, net; sheep or half morocco, \$6.00, net.

Many changes have been made in this edition in order to present the latest teaching in the various branches of the subject. Special attention has been given to the diseases of the genital organs, associated with or following child-birth. This is an important feature which will be of great value to the conscientious obstetrician who always desires to leave his patient in the best possible condition after the trying ordeal of labor. The illustra-