

Book Reviews.

SURGERY TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO. F. Tennyson Neely, Publisher, New York.

This is a neatly bound book illustrated from original copper plates. There are a dozen full-page illustrations of surgical operations and the instruments used two centuries ago. The text is clear and concise, and, on the whole, the book is a very creditable production of its class, and will be interesting to many physicians.

The advertising matter is in the interests of the Antikamnia company, and the book is, we believe, sent free by them to physicians.

HANDBOOK OF CHARITIES. By John Fisher, Secretary of the Illinois Conference of Charities. Second edition. Publishers: Charles H. Kerr & Co., Chicago, 175 Monroe street.

The object of the book is "to give such authoritative data as will enable a business man to form an intelligent opinion as to the relative value and scope of the various charitable efforts of the city and state."

The idea is a good one, and in this little book of 260 pages it has been carried out in a concise and systematic manner. Among the many special charities worthy of note is that of the Chicago Medical Mission, which is conducted under the same auspices as that of the Battle Creek Sanitarium. Besides supplying free nursing, free baths, and free laundry, there is also a free dispensary and a free sanitarium. It has also established medical missionary work on various lines, and in different parts of this and other countries. Its principal branches are at St. Helena, Cal.; Guadalajara, Mexico; and Cape Town, South Africa. J. H. Kellogg, M.D., has the superintendence of the work of the Chicago Medical Mission. It would be well if sanitarium principles were more in vogue in the management of some of our institutions for the sick poor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OF CHICAGO FOR 1894. Arthur R. Reynolds, M.D., Commissioner of Health. Chicago, 1895.

The report consists of 268 pages. Besides some comprehensive and exhaustive statistical reports, it also contains some very interesting charts showing the mortality from the various diseases during the past forty-four years, with a summary of the various sanitary and epidemic memoranda for