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 Compiled from the published writings or unpublished records of Drs. Fordyce Barker, Roberts Bartholow, Samuel D. Gross, Austin Flint, Alonzo Clark, Alfred L. Loomis, F. J. Bumstead, T. G. Thomas, H. C. Wood, Wm. Goodell, J. M. Fothergill, N. S. Davis, J. Marion Sims, Wm. H. Byford, E. G. Janeway, J. M. Da Costa, J. Solis Cohen, Meredith Clymer, J. Lewis Smith, W. H. Thomson, C. E. Brown-Sequard, M. A. Pallen, W. A. Hammond, &c., &c., by B. W. Palmer, A.M., M.D. New York: E. B. Treat, 771 Broadway. 1888. Price \$2.75.

DISEASES OF THE MALE URETHRA, AND REFLEXES.
 By Fessenden N. Otis, M.D. Detroit, Mich.: Geo. S. Davis, 1888, (Physicians' Leisure Library).

The object of this book, its author writes, "is

more especially to deal with the urethra and its diseases rather than with the results of such difficulties;" therefore its scope is a very limited one; indeed the book is scarcely more than an outline of a very few affections of the urethra, but it serves to call attention to the more elaborate and excellent works by Dr. Otis upon the same diseases, the study of which we recommend to all.

The section which treats of Gonorrhœa is the most interesting, and as his method of treatment is somewhat different from that generally found in the books, we have selected it for special notice. In regard to the specific nature of this disease, in so far as it is due to a special micro-organism, the author, we believe, has adopted the most satisfactory view when he says "he accepts these micro-organisms as an evidence of acute inflammatory origin of a discharge, but not as necessarily due to a specific microbe." While admitting the presence of the gonococci in a urethral discharge is evidence of a gonorrhœal origin, Dr. Otis is not yet prepared to accept the claim that urethral disease may not have its origin in various causes independent of the presence of the gonococci. In a word, a gonorrhœa may exist in which the cause, symptoms, contagious nature, and termination in no way differ from one in which the gonococci are to be found, but in which no micro-organisms are present.

The treatment of gonorrhœa by the author is based upon a study of the various methods given by different writers, and his investigations lead him to the following conclusion: "The average duration of all the cases thus variously treated, in point of time, was practically the same." The so-called internal specifics which are recommended for this affection, Dr. Otis, we think very properly, condemns; but the local employment of suitable injections we are more inclined to favor than does the author. The method advised consists in rest, hot water, and diluents, with alkalis, especially the employment of retrojections of hot water. This plan while it may be very good, we think, in the majority of cases is not practicable.

PERSONAL.

Dr. Wm. Osler, Professor of Clinical Medicine in the University of Pennsylvania, has been elected Professor of Medicine in the John Hopkins University, Baltimore, and Physician to the Baltimore Hospital. An excellent appointment, on which we congratulate our late fellow-townsmen. Dr. Osler does not leave Philadelphia till next May. Philadelphians, we are sure, will regret his departure as much as Montreal did when he left us. Dr. Osler means to reach the top of the tree, and he is rapidly getting there.