

Book Reviews.

INTERNATIONAL CLINICS. A Quarterly of Illustrated Clinical Lectures and especially prepared Original Articles by leading members of the medical profession throughout the world. Volume I, Thirteenth Series, 1903. Published by J. B. Lippincott Company Philadelphia; Canadian Agent, Charles Roberts. 1524 Ontario Street, Montreal.

Many times have we referred to the high standard of the CLINICS, and we can only reiterate our pleasure in perusing each volume as it reaches our sanctum. We thought the climax had already been reached, but for interest and profit the volume before us eclipses any heretofore reviewed.

"Aneurism of the Descending Thoracic Aorta," by Dr. Wm. Osler occupies forty pages of most profitable reading, in which are given a series of cases, while a number of plates and figures more fully elucidate the text. Dr. T. E. Satterthwaite, of New York, explains in clear language "Nanheim Methods in Chronic Heart Disease with American Adaptations." Fifteen plates are shown to illustrate the steps of procedure. "The Enduring Results of Total Bilateral Resection of the Cervical Sympathetic in Basedow's Disease," is by Dr. Thomas Jonnesco, of Bucharest, whose experience has greatly interested observers in the surgical treatment of exophthalmic goitre. The good results obtained are well shown in the plates accompanying the article. "A Review of the Progress of Medicine During the Year 1902," by Drs. E. W. Watson and H. W. Cattell, comprises nearly 100 pages. Recent therapeutic remedies are likewise referred to and also some of the later methods in operative work. This very valuable contribution is splendidly illustrated by numerous plates and figures. Space will not permit us alluding to many other articles of merit. The editors and publishers can well be commended for their valuable work.

A NEAT PAMPHLET. The Lactoglobulin Company, of Montreal, have recently issued a very neat little booklet setting forth the value of indications for a new proteid food, lactoglobulin. A number of excellent and practical points are included and we would commend its pages to the consideration of our readers. The booklet is attractively gotten up, the cover being especially artistic.

Notes.

THE SCARCITY OF COD LIVER OIL.—It is doubtful if the condition created by the present great scarcity of cod liver oil find a parallel in the history of medicine. That an article of such wide popularity and general use as cod liver oil should become so scarce and high in price is an incident that gives rise to serious thought. Never before, perhaps, has it been so clearly shown how great the constant demand is for this product. From all parts of the country come urgent inquiries regarding the outlook in the near future and in some sections it is almost impossible to get the pure oil at any price. This famine in cod liver oil, if continued for any length of time, might easily result very seriously. There are thousands of people, young and old, who use this oil continually and whose health depends upon it. To deprive them of cod liver oil for even a short period would be to deprive them of a very valuable life food, and as there is nothing to take the place of cod liver oil the seriousness of a prolonged famine can be better