

his memory on one or two points. The Practitioner's Guide, as its name would indicate, is a book of reference, and should be found most useful as such, and might almost be termed a *vade mecum*. It is practical, and, without going into the pathology or etiology of the different diseases, gives the reader in a short space just what he wants to assist him in his active work. Diseases of women are dealt with at some length, as also Tropical diseases. Surgery has not been by any means overlooked; but, on the other hand, has been gone into only so far as the general practitioner is interested. The volume covers about 1,100 pages. It is arranged alphabetically and in double column. We think it would have been wiser, however, had the publishers used larger type, even had the book been a little more bulky.

*Manual of Gynecology.* By HENRY T. BYFORD, M.D., Professor of Gynecology and Clinical Gynecology in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago; Professor of Gynecology in the Post-Graduate Medical School of Chicago, and in the Chicago Clinical School, etc. Third revised edition, containing 363 illustrations, many of which are original. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son & Co., 1012 Walnut Street. 1902. Canadian Agents: The Chandler Massey Co., Limited, Toronto.

The objection to by far the larger percentage of medical works published nowadays is that the authors forget that they are compiling facts not by any means solely for specialists, but more for general practitioners who desire a book that is not too cumbersome, and yet at the same time suited to their purpose, one that does not go into too great detail, with long descriptions and cuts of operations which they might not perform once in half a lifetime; but, on the other hand, a work that gives accurate and concise facts of every-day experience. Such a volume, it may fairly be said, is Dr. Byford's *Manual of Gynecology*. At the top of every second page will be found, for instance, the part and chapter to which the page belongs. The marginal notes, too, are full and explicit, and will be found to considerably aid the reader in his study. The author has carefully revised each chapter, so that the volume as a whole is a very considerable improvement on that of seven years ago.

*Donovan Pasha.* By GILBERT PARKER. Toronto: The Copp, Clark Company, Limited.

We almost begrudge the pen of Gilbert Parker to be put to the task of describing "Donovan Pasha and Some People of Egypt." He seems to us to belong, soul and pen, to the *habitants* of Lower Canada, and in his keen insight into their character, and his facile and marvellous power of making them live and speak in page and story, he stands without a peer. In his new work he has done well, the chapter entitled, "On the Reef of Norman's Woe,"