

provements cannot take the place of "that careful scrutiny of the patient which was necessary in darker times."

A plan is drawn up, which the author divides into sections A, B, C, D and E. A is the general survey, including the history and appearance and state of the functions. B, the examination of the regions. C, examination of the secretions. D, the diagnosis. E, the treatment. Before taking up each section in detail, some general rules with reference to the examination of patients are given. The part of the book devoted to the examination of the thorax and its contents is especially practical and valuable. A special section each, is devoted to percussion and auscultation, where the reader will find much that is useful, and perhaps something that is new.

In section IX the condition of the abdomen is taken up, as determined by its inspection and examination with the hands, and percussion, as well as by the physical and chemical analysis of the evacuations and secretions.

In the section on diagnosis we read as follows, p. 116. "Diagnosis, to be correct, should be methodical, deliberate, "interrogating each function in an unvarying order, and "repressing conclusions until the time comes for reviewing the symptoms as a whole. By giving a weight and "significance to each symptom as soon as it is encountered, "we do but increase the difficulty of determining hereafter "their common leaning and mutual relationship." At page 118 we have the following remarks: "Readiness in diagnosis often means nothing more than ingenious or audacious guessing. It is to be attained—or the semblance of "it—either by neglecting to take into account the presence "of certain symptoms which go to contradict our conclusion or by failing to notice others which are necessary to "establish them. A superficial and partial view of a case "will thus often seem to justify a diagnosis which a deeper "scrutiny shows to be untenable."

While speaking of the treatment of disease, several practical hints are given.

Dr. Struges is to be congratulated upon the masterly and systematic manner in which he has discharged his difficult task, and every student of Medicine will do well to study attentively the book now before us, which guides and instructs him, and at the same time does not burden him with a mass of facts, or repeat the instruction of the lecture room. The book is neatly bound and the type is good, as Mr. Lea's publications always are.