

electrical field, and it is proper that a very full and complete description should be given of the appliances. These descriptive chapters are short, clear and concise, yet not too brief. Then the Physical and Physiological characteristics of the current are described, and, finally, the therapeutical applications. In all new methods of treatment, and this is a new method in England and America, although in France and Germany many years old, the tendency is to look upon them as a panacea for every ill. Dr. Williams is altogether too careful an investigator to let one run off with this idea. He has written the book based on the experience of himself and others, and he warns us against falling into any such error as that of expecting too much, yet encourages the investigator, and only recommends where he has proven the value of the treatment.

We can recommend the little volume to all readers, not only those who are interested in electricity as a means of treatment, but those who should be in a position to advise their patients where to look for proper treatment, if they do not possess the necessary appliances themselves.

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**Aids to Surgery.** By JOSEPH CUNNING, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S., Eng.; Senior Resident Medical Officer Royal Free Hospital. London: Baillière, Tindell & Cox, 1904. Price, \$1.25. Canadian Agents, J. A. Carveth & Co., Toronto.

This is a condensation of large text books in Surgery, but especially of those of Rose and Carless, Cheyne and Burghard, and Bland Sutton, and is intended chiefly as a help for students preparing for examinations. Whether such a book be considered good or bad it has certainly become popular with the student body. This little book is certainly one of the best of its kind.

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**How to Succeed in the Practice of Medicine.** By JOS. McDOWELL MATHEWS, M.D., LL.D. President of American Medical Association, 1898; Author of "Diseases of the Rectum;" late Professor of Surgery, Kentucky School of Medicine. Louisville: John P. Morton & Company, 1902.

The author, with an experience of thirty-five years in the practice of medicine, speaks especially to the young man just entering the profession and has much sound common sense to offer. With only a public school education himself, as is shown by some predicate-less sentences, a lack of proper paragraphing and a few mistakes in English, the doctor is keenly alive to the need of a high standard of matriculation. The principles which he seeks to teach have evidently been part of his life, and have brought him success in many ways other than financially.

Every practitioner requires some reading; apart from medicine, and it would be hard to find a book which will give more pleasure in spare half hours than this. Although Dr. Matthews