

scientific, yet practical book on skin diseases. The author has taken special care to present the subject matter in a plain, elementary manner, which is always appreciated by a student of the subject.

In the present edition much new material has been added and unnecessary and obsolete matter dropped, bringing the book up-to-date.

The work is well illustrated, a character which is to be commended in a treatise on any organ of the body, and especially on dermatology.

Hydrotherapy: A Treatise on Hydrotherapy in General; Its Application to Special Affections; the Technic or Processes Employed; and Use of Waters Internally. By GUY HINSDALE, A.M., M.D., Lecturer on Climatology, Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia. Octavo of 466 pages, illustrated. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1910. Cloth, \$3.50 net. Canadian agents, The J. F. Hartz Co., Ltd., Toronto.

In the treatment of disease hydrotherapy is an important measure; indeed, there are few general affections in which it is of no value. The medical profession recognize its importance and are making use of it more and more as the science is better understood.

The volume before us is a scientific exposition of the science of hydrotherapy. The text is divided into four parts, namely, general hydrotherapy, special hydrotherapy, technic of hydrotherapy, and the use of mineral waters. Under general hydrotherapy are described the effects of baths on metabolism, blood pressure, rate of heart, blood and respiration. The second division of the work is devoted to hydrotherapy in the various diseases in which it is useful. This is followed by chapters on technic, in which are described the various kinds of baths, rubs, douches, packs, etc. The remaining parts are given to the internal use of water in disease and the special value of mineral water.

The book is well written and gotten up, and we can recommend it to anyone wishing to obtain information on the subject of hydrotherapy.