

Book Notices.

Diseases of the Lungs, Heart, and Kidneys. By N. S. DAVIS, JUN., A.M., M.D., Professor of Principles and Practice of Medicine, Chicago Medical College; Physician to Mercy Hospital; Member of the American Medical Association, Illinois State Medical Society, Chicago Medical Society, Chicago Academy of Sciences, Illinois State Microscopical Society; Fellow of the American Academy of Medicine; Author of "Consumption, How to Prevent it and How to Live with it," etc. No. 14 in the Physicians' and Students' Ready-Reference Series. In one neat 12mo volume of 359 pages. Extra cloth, \$1.25 net. Philadelphia: The F. A. Davis Co., 1231 Filbert Street.

This book is published in the Physicians' and Students' Ready-Reference Series, and is worthy of a careful perusal by the older men, while the younger might study it with advantage.

Epidemic Skin Disease. By THOMAS D. SAVILL, M.D., Lond. London: H. K. Lewis, 136 Gower St., W.C.

This brochure of sixty-five pages contains the notes and remarks upon a number of extraordinary cases of skin disease which occurred in the Paddington Infirmary and surrounding districts of the city of London. Dr. Savill saw one hundred and sixty-five cases, and upon these the generalizations are described. These appear to have been cases of dermatitis of contagious character due to a specific germ which may have passed into the system through the skin or by some other portal. A specific diplococcus was invariably found in the fluids and tissues of the patient. Over twelve per cent. of the cases proved fatal.

Similar epidemics have previously appeared in London. One is described by Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson.—J. E. G.

Hygiene and Public Health. By LOUIS C. PARKES, M.D., D.P.H., London University, Fellow of the Sanitary Institute, and member of the Board of Examiners; Lecturer on Public Health at St. George's Hospital Medical School; Medical Officer of Health and Public Analyst for the Parish of Chelsea. Third edition, with illustrations. H. K. Lewis, 136 Gower St., London, W.C.

This edition has been thoroughly revised and

enlarged, the subjects of Smoke Prevention by mechanical appliances, of Weather Observations and Cyclonic Systems, and of Epidemic Influenza, have been freshly introduced. The article on Diphtheria has been rewritten, and other chapters dealing with Etiology, Bacteriology, have been brought up to date. The exhaustion of two editions in the space of three years, as exhibiting the favourable reception the work has met with, justifies the publishers in hoping that this the third edition will prove of equal service to students and workers in Hygienic Science. As a text book for students we can highly recommend it.

Regional Anatomy in its Relation to Medicine and Surgery. By GEORGE MCCLELLAN, M.D., Lecturer on Anatomy in the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. Illustrated from photographs taken by the author from his own dissections, and colored by him after nature. In two volumes, quarto. Vol. II. J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia, 1891.

In the second volume of this valuable work now before us, Dr. McClellan describes the region of the abdomen, inguinal region, pelvis, perineum, back, lumbar region, gluteal region, and the different divisions under which anatomists describe the lower extremity.

Scattered throughout the purely anatomical descriptions, which are uniformly clear, the author very happily introduces explanations of morbid phenomena and remarks tending to help in the diagnosis of disease. This will doubtless make the work interesting to a class of readers who otherwise would not care to devote much time to the study of a text dealing exclusively with descriptive anatomy.

Indeed, in this work many deductions of a character to be useful to physicians and surgeons are drawn directly from the description of the subject, and give the medical student a satisfaction not to be derived from clinical observation alone. Take, for instance, the elucidation of the cutaneous symptoms attending Pott's disease (page 8), the remarks on the use of filiform bougies in the treatment of urethral stricture (page 139), the opinion advanced on perineal section after urinary extravasation (page 166), the demonstration of the communication of the cerebro-spinal fluid in spina bifida (page 193), the description of the difficulties found in