

self-poisoning. He shows the good results of massage, faradization, hydrotherapeutic procedures and respiratory exercises in pendulous abdomen. It is a book suggestive of useful thoughts.

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*Biographic Clinics.* Vol. III. Essays Concerning the Influence of Visual Function, Pathologic and Physiologic, upon the Health of Patients. By GEORGE M. GOULD, M.D., Editor of "American Medicine," author of "An Illustrated Dictionary of Medicine, Biology, etc," "Borderland Studies," "The Meaning and Method of Life," etc. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son & Co., 1012 Walnut Street. 1905.

Certainly the author lays sufficient stress on the profound influence of small errors of refraction upon the general health, and as a source of a large part of the ills which occupy physicians and delay social progress. Whether we can agree to the same extent or not, there can be no doubt but that there is much neglect in this direction, and this book cannot be too strongly recommended for medical perusal as one of engrossing interest to the progressive man.

The new ophthalmology and its relations to general medicine, biology and sociology, as demonstrated by Dr. Gould, will certainly prove an "eye-opener" for the average physician, and serve to awaken thought and investigation on a much neglected and very important subject.

*Therapeutics: Its Principles and Practice.* By HORATIO C. WOOD, M.D., LL.D., Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics in the University of Pennsylvania; Member of the National Academy of Science. Twelfth edition, thoroughly revised and adapted to the eighth (1905) edition of the United States Pharmacopeia by Horatio C. Wood and Horatio C. Wood, Jr., M.D., Demonstrator of Pharmacodynamics in the University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia and London: J. B. Lippincott Company. 1905.

This twelfth edition of Woods' "Therapeutics," though delayed in consequence of the revision of the United States Pharmacopeia, brings to its readers the latest data on the subject. The frequent changes during the past few years in the therapeutic fashions have been regarded somewhat in the light of a reproach to the profession, but the modern pharmacist has industriously inculcated the doctrine that old medical clothes will not keep out the cold no matter how well they appear in the eyes of those who use them. The author of this work, by reason of his scientific attainments and his unquestioned mastery of his subject, has skilfully avoided the criticism of unduly accentuating the import-