

highly important subject of which it treats. It is, moreover, written in an agreeable style, which renders it much more readable than the hum-drum, formal compositions that abound in medical literature; while it displays throughout abundant evidences of ingenuity and talent in the mode and matter of its discussions.

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ART. IX.—*A Manual of the Practice of Medicine*. By T. H. TANNER, M.D., F.L.S., Author of a Manual of Clinical Medicine and Physical Diagnosis, &c. &c., Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians; late Physician to the Hospital for Women, &c. &c. First American, from the third Revised and improved London Edition. Philadelphia: Lindsay & Blakiston. Montreal: B. Dawson & Son. Quebec: Middleton & Dawson. 1858. Pp. 393.

It would seem as if a necessity existed for works of the character of that now noticed; for it must be upon some such persuasion that so many have already appeared and passed through, in some instances, so many editions. The obligations are best known to two classes of the profession, who happen to be those most likely to be in search of book-learning. The first is the hard-worked student, who, too frequently from choice, devotes himself to an attendance upon an excessive number of classes, and leaves but fragments of his time for reading; the other, the physician in active practice, who, desirous of keeping up or perfecting his clinical knowledge, is constrained to consult the only-sized book that is adapted to the little rest and less recreation he enjoys. To such as these, a volume, like Dr. Tanner's, which gives the whole cycle of medical affections in the smallest allowable space,—which affords the greatest possible amount of information in the smallest possible amount of print,—is considered a desideratum. Compared with the original issue of Hooper's Physician's Vade-Mecum, inasmuch as it belongs to the same class of works, it contrasts very strongly, and with a manifest favor in behalf of the progress of the science and art of medicine. Dr. T., we also think, has exhibited a much greater share of originality of description and observation than is commonly met with among the authors of similar manuals. These evidences are especially conspicuous under the heading of Treatment, where we find him referring to the most modern opinions entertained on the subject of Therapeutics, and giving his view of them, together with the latest remedial suggestions, and the experience he has personally had of them. As an instance, we may cite the opening section on Inflammation, where the reader will be gratified by finding the present controversy on Inflammation and its treatment briefly, but