

*The Science and Art of Surgery.* By JOHN ERIC ERICHSEN, F.R.S., LL D., F.R.C.S. Eighth edition. Philadelphia: Henry C. Lea's Son & Co., 1884.

*Forty-second Report of the Legislature of Massachusetts*, relating to the registry and return of births, marriages and deaths, with editorial remarks by Frank Wells, M.D. Boston: 18 Post-Office Square, 1884.

*The Physician's Pocket Day-book.* By C. HENRI LEONARD, M.A., M.D. Illustrated Medical Journal Company, Detroit, Mich.

As this is the season for purchasing new visiting lists, we do not think that physicians could do better than invest in Dr. Leonard's pocket day-book. It is of a convenient shape and size, and answers well the purposes for which it is published.

*The Medical Record Visiting-List or Physician's Diary for 1885.* New York: WILLIAM WOOD & Co.; Toronto:

This Visiting-List combines many good qualities, which for some time have made it a favourite with physicians. It is convenient in size, well arranged, well bound, and contains good paper. For those who like the weekly plan it is all that can be desired.

*A Brief Treatise on Therapeutics.* By J. MILLNER FOTHERGILL, M.D., M.R.C.P. Edited for the U.S. Pharmacopœia by W. H. ROUSE, M.D. Detroit: The Illustrated Medical Journal Company.

This little work of 140 pages is written for the student and young practitioner, to whom the practical points which Fothergill makes will be most useful. It contains numerous formulæ, and concludes with a chapter on diet for the sick, by Mrs. Drant, matron of the hospital of the Michigan College of Medicine, Detroit.

*Materia Medica and Therapeutics.* An introduction to *The Rational Treatment of Disease.* By J. MITCHELL BRUCE, M.D. Lond., F.R.C.P., Lecturer on Materia Medica and Therapeutics, Charring Cross Hospital. Published by Henry C. Lea's Son & Co., Philadelphia, 1884.

This book is mainly therapeutic in its aim, and is intended to be a rational guide to the

student and practitioner of medicine in the treatment of disease. It is already recommended to the English medical students as a text book, and is worthy of a place among the text-books recommended by the Ontario Medical Council.

*A Case of Absence of the Lower End of the Rectum with Passage of Fæces through the Penis: Successful Operation for Relief.* Reprinted from *Edinburgh Medical Journal*.

*A Case of Sarcoma of the Skin and Cellular Tissue about the Ankle-Joint.* Extracted from the *Medical News*.

*Clinical Lecture on the Antiseptic Treatment of Wounds by Dry and Infrequent Dressings.* Reprinted from *Canada Medical and Surgical Journal*.

All these by FRANCIS L. SHEPHERD, M.D., C.M., M.R.C.S. Eng., Professor of Anatomy in McGill University, Surgeon to the Montreal General Hospital.

*The Field of Disease: a Book of Preventive Medicine.* By BENJAMIN WARD RICHARDSON, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S., F.R.C.P., etc. Philadelphia: Henry C. Lea's Son & Co.; Toronto: Vannevar & Co.

This book was intended by the author especially for the intelligent reading public. He makes no attempt to teach them how to cure disease, but rather to trace it to its origin or cause. He wishes them to investigate carefully such a cause and endeavour to remove or avoid it. The work is written in a thoroughly scientific spirit, and will, we are certain, be highly appreciated for the professional public, for whom it is particularly intended by the American publishers.

*The Popular Science Monthly for December.* New York: D. Appleton & Co.

This number is *bristling* with attractive articles, amongst which we notice no less than four from medical men. As we are like all editors, just going to press, we have no time for further comment. Messrs. Youmans show admirable judgment as to the fitness of things, in placing the article, "Starvation: Its Moral and Physical Effects," by Nathaniel E. Davies, L.R.C.P., immediately after an article on "Cannibalism as a Custom," by A. St. Johnston.

A continuation of "Mattieu Williams'" paper on "The Chemistry of Cookery" naturally follows these.