

that by the lamented Felix Von Niemeyer in his *Text-book of Practical Medicine*.

But, as a matter of course, the writers of special treatises on the lungs make up for the deficiencies of their brethren—the writers on the Practice of Medicine. They do nothing of the kind. It is not even mentioned by W. W. Gerhard, William Stokes, Austin Flint, Germain Sée, A. T. H. Waters and Douglas Powell.

Surely the writers on the diseases of children give full and exhaustive accounts of what even the laity begin to recognize as a grave morbid state. It is wholly unnoticed by Churchill, Ellis, Steiner, West, Vogel, Condie, Bouchut, C. D. Meigs, J. F. Meigs, Dewees, Clarke, J. Lewis Smith, Eustace Smith, Coles, Underwood, Henoeh, Harris, Day, Evanson and Maunsell, Tanner and Meadows, Meigs and Pepper, Goodhart and Starr, D'Espine and P'icot; and the homœopathic writers, who ought to know better, are just as deficient, for it is not mentioned by Hartmann, Minton, Duncan, Laurie, Guernsey, Edwards, Underwood, Thomas, Hartlaub, Ruddock, Williamson or Teste. Scudder, the eclectic writer, joins his homœopathic brethren in this as well as in many other things.

As the natural result of this most culpable neglect on the part of medical teachers and writers, very many practitioners, even when well educated and well-read, know curiously little about congestion of the lungs; and this very year, one of the most brilliant medical writers on this continent frankly confessed that, "the asthenic pneumonias and passive congestions, which are so frequently found affecting the aged, have been conducive to mistakes in my practice to a shameful degree."

Some of the chiefs utterly fail to grasp even the nature of this morbid state. Thus a few years ago, when a lady made some remarks on this subject to the leading (allopathic) physician of one of our largest Canadian cities, that medical luminary replied; "*Yes! what we used to call inflammation of the lungs we now call congestion.*" Yet the speaker was a man of most decided ability, recognized by all as possessing rare gifts in his