

BOOK REVIEWS.

TREATMENT OF INTERNAL DISEASES:

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Edited by Nathaniel B. Potter, M. D., of
Boston. Translated by Frederic H.
Bartlett, M. D., from the Fourth German
Edition. J. B. LIPPINCOTT COMPANY, Phil-
adelphia and London, 1908.

This book is an English translation from the fourth German edition, a fact sufficient in itself to justify its publication. A careful perusal of its contents warrants that in value it is equal to, if not superior, to corresponding works on this most important subject. The scope of the book is indicated in its title. "The author initiates the reader into as much of the pathological physiology of the diseases discussed as bears upon their rational treatment. He very properly emphasises throughout the volume, the importance of the mechanical, dietetic, climatic, hydrotherapeutic and other extra-medicinal methods, with judicious reasons for those selected, and follows these with a discussion of the applicability of certain drugs, their respective advantages, disadvantages and limitations, adds useful prescriptions from his own experience and that of others, and leaves the reader better armed to meet etiological indications and the various contingencies which arise and require symptomatic treatment." The foregoing observation of the editor we most cordially endorse.

There is nothing in the work suggestive of therapeutic nihilism. The comments of the Editor give us side by side the most advanced ideas of German and English authorities, touching the treatment of internal diseases.

The translation is in the main excellent, and the press work and general appearance of the volume extremely good. The contents of this volume are worthy of most careful study, and it should be on the book-shelf of every scientific medical practitioner.



MINOR MEDICINE: A Treatise on the Nature and Treatment of Common Ailments; By Walter Essex Wynter, M. D., B. S. (Lond.) F. R. C. P., F. R. C. S.
Price \$1.75. TORONTO: D. T. McAVISH & Co.; LONDON: SIDNEY APPLETON, 1908.

Dr. Wynter has taken for his text the words of the prophet Zechariah: "For who hath despised the day of small things," and has written upon it a most useful work.

It can be especially recommended to recent graduates who have not had an opportunity to gain a practical acquaintance with minor maladies, and about which most of the text books are silent. Under the old apprentice system ample opportunity was afforded for becoming acquainted with the treatment of minor disorders for which no provision is made under the modern system of medical education. This book is an attempt to supply what is urgently required, a practical presentation of the subject in small compass and in a readable manner. It will be of interest not only to recent graduates, but general practitioners of many years standing will find in its pages many fresh and useful suggestions for treatment. The treatment of many minor surgical conditions is included. On the whole this book will certainly obtain a wide circulation by reason of its thorough practical character.