

Book Reviews.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF PHILADELPHIA. Third Series. Vol. xvii. Philadelphia : Printed for the College. 1895.

This volume of Transactions contains nineteen papers read before the college during the past year, together with the Jenks' prize essay on "Infantile Mortality during Childbirth, and its Prevention." The volume forms a most valuable addition to current medical literature. The papers are on various topics, and will be read with great interest by practitioners, whether general or special.

AN ESSAY ON MALARIA AND ITS CONSEQUENCES. By Robert Lindsay, A.M., M.B., F.R.C.S.E., retired surgeon Army Medical Department London : H. K. Lewis.

This book of 116 pages is neatly gotten up by Lewis, and reflects credit on the publisher. The author has evidently never heard about the *plasmodium malaria*, and advances some absurd views about poisoning with carbonic acid gas as being the cause of malarial fevers. In these days, when so many really valuable books are issuing from the press, it would hardly repay one to waste time perusing this work. We hardly expect a second edition will be called for.

INDEX OF MEDICINE. A manual for the use of senior students and others. By Seymour Taylor, M.D. Philadelphia : Lea Bros. & Co. 1894.

In this manual there are 800 pages, those devoted to the diseases of the vascular system being, in our opinion, most clear and worthy of study. We have always held that manuals are of questionable value to students, and that they may encourage superficiality in medical study. We believe that students who have read the text-books faithfully can review them for the purposes of examination with greater facility and profit than they can a manual hitherto unknown to them.

Though in many respects this Index of Medicine is a desirable book, yet in the matter of treatment, in some instances, it is not "up-to-date."

A TREATISE ON THE MEDICAL AND SURGICAL DISEASES OF INFANCY AND CHILDHOOD. By J. Lewis Smith, M.D., Clinical Professor of Diseases of Children, Bellevue Hospital Medical College, etc., etc. Eighth edition, revised and enlarged. Lea Brothers & Co., New York and Philadelphia. Pp. 987 ; illustrations, 273 ; plates, 4.

This well-known work has been largely rewritten and much enlarged. It contains, in addition to what is usually embraced under the term "diseases of