

fluid, transudates and exudates, cerebro-spinal and synovial fluid, diseases of the skin, milk, quantitative estimation of purin in the urine, etc., Great credit is due the author and publishers for placing such a practical and useful guide within the reach of all engaged in the study or practice of medicine, and it must take a high place among the standard works available on the subject.

A large space is given to the consideration of the urine and the "newer methods for the estimation of sugar. Bence Jones' albumin, uric acid and purin have received consideration, and the whole chapter is illustrated by a large number of original half-tones and coloured plates."

The gastric contents are fully discussed, the methods of collective character of gastric juice, motor and resorptive power of the stomach, chemistry of contents, estimation of HCl, the ferments and their zymogeni, micro-copic study of the gastric fluid, etc. The chapter on the feces is also full, and especially the section on animal parasites of the feces, and all well illustrated.

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**Transactions of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia.** Third series, volume twenty-fifth, Philadelphia, printed for the College, 1900.

This volume contains the papers read during the year 1903. In a private volume, such as this, where all the papers are good, criticism is impossible. All we can say, is that it shows an excellent year's work.

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**Radiotherapy, Phototherapy, Radium and High Frequency Currents.** By C. W. Allen, M.D., Professor of Dermatology, N.Y., Post-Graduate Medical School. Publishers, Lea Bros. & Co., N.Y., cloth, \$4.50.

This handsome volume of 600 pages is the latest American publication on the new therapy, which has achieved such positive results in the past few years. Already much has been written on this fascinating subject of a theoretical character, but in this book we find the author and his associates have given their work a practical nature by first proving their statements through actual experience before committing them to print. This feature of eliminating much theory will be appreciated by workers in this field.

The chapters on cancer and skin diseases describe ordinary therapeutic measures besides those directly related to radio and phototherapy.