

*Quiz Compendis: Materia Medica and Therapeutics.* By J. O. L. Potter, A.M., M.D., and *Surgery.* By Orville Howitz, B.S., M.D., with Fifty Illustrations, 1883. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co., 1012 Walnut Street.

These numbers, 6 and 9, of the Quiz Series, are excellent little compilations from the standard authorities on the subjects, and owing to their very convenient shape and size, constitute admirable *Vade Mecums* and Remembrancers for students. That on *Materia Medica* is issued in the form of Question and Answer.

*Elements of Histology.* By E. Klein, M.D., F.R.S., Joint Lecturer on Anatomy and Physiology, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London. Philadelphia: Henry Lea's, Son & Co.

This little Manual of Histology is published especially for the use of Medical Students. To those who are anxious to have a great deal within a little space, it will be very acceptable.

*Transactions of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland.* Eighty-fifth annual session 1883.

The Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, in the present volume of their transactions preserve their reputation for learning and science as well as the practical application of these to the exigencies of our profession. Time and space will not allow us to make more than a passing mention of the contents of this volume. After the record of the minutes and the reports of the various committees, appears the address of Dr. W. M. Kemp, the President. Dr. John S. Billings, delivered the annual address choosing as his subject *Medical Bibliography*. Then came the reports of the various sections: *Surgery*, Dr. Coskery; *Medicine*, Dr. Thomas; *Obstetrics and Gynecology*, an excellent paper by Dr. W. T. Howard; *Materia Medica*, etc. Amongst the invited papers special mention must be made of H. Newell Martin's, on "The Direct Action of Ethyl Alcohol upon the Heart." Amongst the volunteer papers an account of Liernur's Pneumatic System of Sewerage, by Dr. C. W. Chancellor, is of interest.

*Types of Insanity an Illustrated Guide in the Physical Diagnosis of Mental Disease.* By Allan McLane Hamilton, M.D., New York: Wm. Wood & Co.

The forcible and accurate description of the insane patient, is drawn with the facile pen and in the singularly lucid style of the well known author; and without the aid of the accompanying plates would be sufficient to cause the veriest tyro in psychological medicine to recognize the type indicated. The book made up in a very neat style, contains thirty-six large pages of letter press consisting of five chapters. Chap. I. Treating of the General Appearance of the Insane. Chap. II. Condition of Special Organs. Chap. III. Bodily Functions. Chap. IV. Examination of Patient. Chap. V. The Commitment of the Insane.

The plates accompanying the volume are drawn from instantaneous photographs by T. J. Manley, and are specimens of high artistic merit. They are ten in number as follows: Plate I. Idiocy. Plate II. Imbecility. Plate III. Melancholia Attonita. Plate IV. Chronic Melancholia. Plate V. Sub-acute Mania. Plate VI. Chronic Mania. Plates VII. and VIII. Dementia. Plate IX. General Paresis. Plate X. Affections of the Ear and Conditions of the Teeth in the Insane.

As is to be expected neither the camera nor the pencil can give a picture of certain forms of insanity that will be distinctive and recognisable. Such forms for instance as depend upon disorders of motility. Plate IX. pretends to represent a case of general paresis and we have no doubt the original suffered from that form of insanity, but his counterfeit presentment suggests to our mind no suspicion of insanity.

*How to Draw a Simple Will with Special Information for Clergymen and Doctors and Instructions for Executors in Ordinary Cases.* By D. A. O'Sullivan, M.A., LL.B., Toronto: Carswell & Co.

We entirely agree with the learned author of this brochure "that an unskilled person should invariably refuse" to draw up a will unless in case of necessity. It has happened to us on more than one occasion that this necessity has arisen, and our ignorance painfully impressing us, we determined in future to prevent the recurrence of such feelings by looking up the subject, and learning how to draw a will. Fortified by this laudable resolution we proceeded until a second occasion caught us in the same condition of unpardonable ignorance. Such a sense of humiliation will henceforward be impossible. Mr. O'Sullivan has prevented that. The