

THE BUFFALO MEDICAL AND SURGICAL JOURNAL.

There are very few medical journals in this new country that have lived to reach the age of fifty years. Those which have done so have been founded well and been ably managed, for only the fittest can survive. This is no exception to the rule. No one can have read the above journal regularly for the last ten years as the writer has done, without having felt that a man of more than usual energy and ability was at the head of it, while all who know Dr. William Warren Potter will recognize at once that he is just such a man as could bring these results about. We congratulate the *Journal* on its jubilee, and we wish for the *Buffalo Medical & Surgical Journal* at least another fifty years of such prosperity as it has had in the past, and we trust that its editor may long be spared to direct its usefulness. Its reading pages will, we are informed, be largely increased, and other improvements will be made which will greatly increase its value to its readers.

BOOK NOTICES.

INDEX OF MEDICINE. By Seymour Taylor, M.D., Member Royal College of Physicians, Senior Assistant Physician to the West London Hospital. In one large 12mo. volume of 801 pages, with 35 engravings. Cloth, \$3.75. Philadelphia: Lea Brothers & Co.

The author has prepared a work of great value alike to physicians and students. In a certain sense the name "Index" is a misnomer, for the volume is in fact a concise "Practice of Medicine," the diseases being grouped systematically in order to secure for the reader the many advantages resulting from rational arrangement. After valuable chapters on "Disease," "General Pathology," "General Diseases," "Specific Infectious Diseases," and "Specific Fevers" the various organs and systems of the body are considered, and the cause, symptoms, pathology, treatment and prognosis of each affection are succinctly stated. Numerous illustrations, together with tabulations of differential diagnosis, tests, etc., elucidate the text and condense a great amount of necessary knowledge in the clearest manner. The work is one which merits and will doubtless obtain a wide popularity.

The author enjoyed during many years the privilege of listening to the lectures of Peacock, Bristowe, Ord and Shand-Smith, and he states in his preface that his work is largely prepared from his own notes taken at their didactic and clinical lectures. This has given to it a decidedly practical aspect, and we cannot read even the first chapter without being charmed with the clearness and conciseness of the author's style.

A BOOK OF DETACHABLE DIET LISTS. For albuminuria, anæmia and debility, constipation, diabetes, diarrhoea, dyspepsia, fevers, gout or uric acid diathesis, obesity, tuberculosis, and a sick-room dietary. Compiled by Jerome B. Thomas, A.B., M.D., Visiting Physician to the Home for Friendless Women and Children and to the Newsboys' Home; Assistant Visiting Physician to the Kings County Hospital; Assistant Bacteriologist Brooklyn Health Department. Published by W. B. Saunders, 925 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 1895. Price \$1.50.

With this book on his desk, all that the physician has to do is to tear out a list, check off the food prescribed, and hand the list to the patient. Many a time the physician feels that it would be much better for the patient if he had his dietary written out; but being pressed for time, he is often reluctantly compelled to leave his orders in a verbal manner. This book of detachable leaves meets this difficulty. No one could think of all the suitable and unsuitable articles of diet for a given case on the spur of the moment; but everything will be found in these complete lists. The lists are numbered, and the key to the numbers is reserved for the physician. They will be found exceedingly handy.

THE TREATMENT OF WOUNDS, ULCERS AND ABSCESSSES. By W. Watson Cheyne, M.B., F.R.S., F.R.C.S., Professor of Surgery in King's College, London. In one 12mo. volume of 207 pages. Cloth, \$1.25. Philadelphia: Lea Brothers & Co., 1895.

This little work owes its brevity and its widespread usefulness to the fact that it is devoted wholly to the treatment of affections which, though nominally surgical, are yet so common as to form part of the daily work of every practitioner. Antiseptic methods have revolutionized surgical procedures and have added vastly to their successes. Moreover, by throwing light upon formerly unexplained failures, they have increased not only the knowledge but also the confidence of the surgeon, an element which must be recognized as having an important influence upon results. Professor Cheyne has long been known as one of the foremost of London surgeons, and as a critical student of antiseptic procedures in their practical bearings. In this volume he has described the methods of treatment which he