

### Books and Pamphlets.

A MANUAL OF MEDICAL TREATMENT OR CLINICAL THERAPEUTICS. By I. Burney Yeo, M.D., F. R.C.P., Professor of Therapeutics in King's College, London. In two 12mo. volumes, containing 1275 pages, with illustrations. Complete work, cloth, \$5.50. Philadelphia: Lea Bros. & Co. 1893. Toronto: Carveth & Co.

A very excellent work. The author has the correct idea in approaching the subject from the side of the disease and not from the side of the drug or remedy, surely the more natural method. In his preface the author says (with more point than we can hope to do, so we give his words):

"It is clear that any, or every part, of the natural history of a disease may bear, directly or indirectly, on its treatment, but some parts far more than others; and it would be most unphilosophical and unedifying to discuss the therapeutics of a disease without, at the same time, considering the true nature of the phenomena we are endeavoring to control.

"It is by examining into the mode of *causation* of disease, by investigating the true nature of the morbid changes which underlie the *phenomena* of disease, and by an exact knowledge of the properties and mode of action of the agencies we introduce for the purpose of influencing favorably its course, that what are termed *rational indications* are arrived at.

"These *indications* are based on observed facts; they have no concern with dogmas of any kind. Dogmatic medicine, no matter by what name it is known, is a thing of the past. It is wholly inconsistent with scientific methods, and it would be an unjustifiable waste of time here to discuss it. It will continue to have an attraction for certain minds, and that attraction will be found to be quite independent of the ordinary processes of reasoning, or the ordinary laws of evidence."

We have had occasion to refer very frequently to the pages of Dr. Yeo's book in the preparation of some notes on Therapeutics, and can assure our readers that it is one of the best books for the practitioner we have yet seen. The latest and most rational methods of treatment are discussed, and considerable attention is paid to diet and regimen. The general practitioner cannot afford to be without a copy.

A SYSTEM OF GENITO-URINARY DISEASES, SYPHIL- OLOGY AND DERMATOLOGY, in three volumes. Edited by Prince A. Morrow, A.M., M.D., Clinical Professor of Genito-Urinary Diseases, former Lecturer on Dermatology in the University of the City of New York; Surgeon to Charity Hospital, etc. D. Appleton & Co.

The subjects named being so comprehensive in their grasp, it is not to be expected that any individual writer could be so fully informed as to warrant him in assuming to put forth for the medical public anything so pretentious as a treatise, claiming for itself so much of the exhaustive, that the reader may fairly look upon it as his ultimate resource. With this lofty end in view, the editor has associated with himself a number of contributors, each eminent in his specialty.

Vols. I. and II. are at hand and afford indication that the design has not been too ambitious for accomplishment. Apparently no stone has been left unturned to furnish all the practical knowledge of those subjects, that to-day's advanced science can supply.

To the busy man, a satisfying book of ready reference is a desideratum, and beyond these volumes he does not require exploration.

For the sake of brevity, much of bibliography is omitted, and in its stead pains are taken to trace disease in its anatomical and pathological relations to the foundation stones. For example, the dissertation on Cystic Calculus sets out with an accurate description and well executed plates of the structures involved in the various operations.

Both volumes are profusely and artistically illustrated, many of the illustrations being colored. This latter feature will be specially appreciated by readers of the volume on Syphilology.

Much attention and space are given, and rightly, to diagnosis and treatment. The treatise should be in every medical library, and will disappoint no purchaser.

A PRACTICAL TREATISE ON DISEASES OF THE SKIN, for the use of Students and Practitioners. Third edition, thoroughly revised and enlarged. By James Nevins Hyde, A.M., M.D., Professor of Skin and Venereal Diseases, Rush Medical College, Chicago, etc. Philadelphia: Lea Bros. & Co. 1893. Toronto: Carveth & Co.

The present edition of Dr. Hyde's work on Diseases of the Skin brings the subject up to the