

An attempt was made to determine the mechanism of the production of blackwater fever. So many factors entered into the consideration of the question that the authors were unable to reach a definite conclusion; as we have already indicated, the hæmoglobinuria is accompanied by, and is the result of, an accompanying hæmoglobinæmia.

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TREATMENT OF THE DISEASES OF CHILDREN. By CHARLES GILMORE KERLEY, M.D., Professor of Diseases of Children, New York Poly-clinic Medical School and Hospital, etc. Second revised edition, octavo 629 pages, illustrated. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1909. Cloth, \$5.00 net; Half Morocco, \$6.50 net.

That the first edition of this book was so rapidly exhausted proves that it has supplied a real want. Most textbooks are too profuse for general use by the busy man, and he welcomes a manual which will give him the information he wants and the help he needs in a concise and simple fashion. That is just what Dr. Kerley's book does, and it is therefore more suitable for the general practitioner than for the student or the specialist. A very useful chapter is that on Gymnastic Therapeutics, and the illustrations give a good idea of the various measures recommended. Infant feeding is treated in a simple, common sense way and is a welcome relief from the elaborate articles which have been so fashionable of late years. It seems as if the pendulum were swinging at last towards simplicity, and that pseudo-science, for a time at least, had had its day. The directions given are clear and plain, the tone of the book dogmatic, and while we do not agree with the author in many things, we feel that he has the courage of his convictions and tells us just what he himself would do under certain given circumstances. There is too little of that strong personal element in many textbooks nowadays; too often they aim at being encyclopædic rather than practical guides to men who are in doubt or difficulty.

PRIMARY STUDIES FOR NURSES. A Textbook for First Year Pupil Nurses, by CHARLOTTE A. AIKENS, Detroit. Illustrated. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company. Canadian agents, The F. J. Hartz Company, Ltd., Toronto.

This book contains sound instruction and good advice for women beginning their career as nurses. A nurse who is acquainted with all that this book contains would certainly be well instructed. In addition to matters of more purely medical interest there is an excellent section upon cookery. There is a large number of questions formally set forth