

nurses and servants forming a separate family. The rent and taxes, nurses and servants, fuel and light made up an expense quite as much as the patient is able to pay, in addition to professional attendance. and in comparison with which her sick diet or board was so small that it might be ignored. The specialist can well afford to pay that out of his pocket, and still consider the patient as a free guest in return for the greater satisfaction and lessening of anxiety while the patient is in the hands of his own trained nurses night and day and in close proximity to his own house. In the private hospital everything is done better than it could possibly be at a hotel or private house. It is provided with an ideal operating room, ideal nurses trained for that special work, and the diet, which plays so important a part in the recovery, can be arranged to suit even to the minutest detail the varying requirements of the patients. And, as a matter of fact, the results are far more successful in the private hospital than they were in private houses and hotels.

The above remarks have been written in reply to an editorial which recently appeared in a contemporary, and evidently written by one of the staff who have excluded all patients except their own from the private wards of the public hospital, and who, by calling specialists with private hospitals, boarding-house keepers, has attempted to cast a slur upon such high-minded and noble leaders of the profession as Weir Mitchell and Goodell of Philadelphia, Emmett, Thomas and Mundé of New York, and Gardner of Montreal, who have each found it necessary to place their patients in their own private hospital.

BOOK NOTICES.

A MANUAL OF MEDICAL JURISPRUDENCE AND TOXICOLOGY by HENRY C. CHAPMAN, M.D., with thirty-six illustrations, some of which are in colors. PHILADELPHIA, W. B. SAUNDERS, 913 Walnut Street, 1892.

This is a volume of about two hundred and twenty-five pages which is beautifully and clearly printed. It embraces essentially the course of lectures on the subject of Medical Jurisprudence delivered at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, during the session of 1891-92. It is a good students manual, to be carefully read over after a lecture; but where particular attention to the subject is doubted,

as suggested by the authors, such standard works as Taylor, Beck and others must be consulted.

The STUDENTS' QUIZ SERIES. Edited by BERN B. GALLAUDET, M.D., Demonstrator of Anatomy and Clinical Lecturer on Surgery, College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York. Volume 8. Diseases of the Skin, by Charles C. Ransom, M.D., Assistant Dermatologist, Vanderbilt Clinic, New York. Pocket size, 12mo., 192 pages, 28 illustrations. Limp Cloth, \$1.00. Philadelphia, Lea Brothers & Co., 1893.

This little work, although similar to several others on the same subject, is still of a very practical character, and will doubtless prove of service to the student and also to the busy practitioner, as it contains many excellent prescriptions for treating the many and common cutaneous affections. Many illustrations are dispersed throughout the little book, and the letter press is well executed.

THE YEAR-BOOK OF TREATMENT FOR 1893. A Critical Review for Practitioners of Medicine and Surgery. A Series of Contributions by Twenty-two Writers. In one 12mo. volume of 500 pages. Cloth, \$1.50. Philadelphia, Lea Brothers & Co., 1893.

This is an excellent little work written well up to date, and is one that every practitioner should have in his library, as he can, by this means, keep himself posted on all the important subjects recently under consideration in the various medical journals. The present edition (the ninth) of this "Year-Book of Treatment" contains two new articles: one is on "Anæsthetics" which is here treated as a separate article instead of being as hitherto included in the "General Surgery" portion. There is also a part of the little volume devoted to a branch of medicine which is daily increasing in importance and scientific accuracy, viz.: "Public Health and Hygiene." Woodcuts dispersed throughout the book add considerably to the value of the work.

DISEASES OF CHILDREN. A manual for Students and Practitioners, by C. ALEXANDER RHODES, M.D., Instructor in Diseases of Children, New York Post-Graduate Medical College. Philadelphia, Lea Brothers & Co.

This little book forms part of "The Students' Quiz Series," and contains a vast amount of useful and practical information relative to the diagnosis and treatment of diseases in childhood. In compiling the work the author states that many excellent writers on this subject have been consulted, their