

so. Many of the author's opinions involve a good deal of conjecture, and we shall not be tempted into the thankless task of denying them. Nor have we the intention of usurping the chair of the scorner of new doctrine. The illusions of this writer have a merit of their own: "In the absence of pessimism there is no such thing as incurable disease," "the contagion of tuberculosis is a psychic poison," but we cannot give entire assent to his proposition "that it is easier to stop drinking than it is to continue it." This is a diverting book.

**THE HISTORICAL RELATIONS OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY TO THE END OF THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY.** An Address delivered at the St. Louis Congress, in 1904, by T. CLIFFORD ALBUTT, M.A., M.D., Regius Professor of Physic, in the University of Cambridge. London: Macmillan & Co., 1905. Price 2s. 6d. net.

This volume of 120 pages deals with a large theme. Dr. Clifford Albutt has possessed himself of an enormous amount of material, and he has dealt with it with rare literary skill. It is a new discovery that there is a history of medicine, as absorbing as that of any other science or art, and the author deals with it philosophically and artistically. The great names are passed in review, and the reasons are stated why they are held in remembrance. The book is one to be spoken of with respect and appreciation, and proves once more that a man may be a scholar as well as a physician. It also proves that when the unity of medicine is lost, it falls into sterility.

**DENTAL SURGERY FOR MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS AND STUDENTS OF MEDICINE.** By A. W. BARRETT, M.B. (Lond.), M.R.C.S., L.D.S.E. H. K. Lewis, London. 1905.

This pocket edition of general dental information is apparently all that the author claims in his preface. It supplies a great deal of useful information on the teeth and their treatment that does not, as a rule, appear in the usual medical course, and will therefore be of benefit to the general practitioner and students of medicine, inasmuch as the condition of the mouth in many cases has much bearing on general health. While it contains much that is of use only to the dental specialist, such as the correction of irregularities, the proper uses of different filling materials, methods of inserting artificial dentures, bridges, etc., it no doubt will fulfil its mission and take its place in the medical library.

**INTERNATIONAL CLINICS.** Edited by A. O. J. KELLY, A.M., M.D. Vol. I. Fifteenth Series, 1905. J. B. Lippincott Company. 1905.

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