
Literary Notices.

TALKS TO MY PATIENTS, HINTS ON GETTING WELL AND KEEPING WELL; by Mrs. R. B. Gleason, M.D.—Wood & Holbrook, N. Y., pp. 228, \$1.50.

Mrs. Gleason, who, with her husband, conducts the Elmira Water Cure, has been putting in a book the substance of the advice she has been accustomed to give her patients. Her "talks" are very sensible. The book is not intended for a scientific work or for a "domestic physician," but is a simple compend of motherly hints to women in their different relations of maid, wife and mother. In her treatment, as might be expected, she appears specially in love with water. The book is well worth the price to any mother of a family. It may be obtained directly from the publishers, No. 15, Laight St. N. Y., or through any bookseller.

THE CHRISTIAN UNION, published by J. B. Ford & Co., 39 Park Row, N. Y. and edited by Henry Ward Beecher, is rapidly becoming one of the most popular religious papers. Its articles are spicy and readable. Mr. Beecher's peculiar vein runs through it, and does not detract any from its good qualities. It will be seen from the advertisement on another page, that the publishers offer a large engraving as a premium for new subscribers. Not having seen it, we are unable to judge of its beauty; but it is spoken of highly by art critics over the borders.

CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING A FATAL CASE OF PLACENTA PRÆVIA, ETC.

This pamphlet, coming to us from Boston, gives evidence of a state of affairs existing between physician and patient which is neither rare nor creditable. A prominent physician, a professor of midwifery in Harvard University, attended a lady in her confinement. The case, presenting certain serious complications, proved fatal. Some six weeks after, the husband of the deceased concluded, from statements made by persons with whom he talked, that his wife had not been treated properly, and propounded a series of questions to the physician as to why this and that mode of treatment had not been adopted. A lengthy discussion followed, the physician declining to answer these questions unless in the presence of two other physi-