

treatment from the various standpoints of etiology, pathology, clinical characters, clinical course, the personal factor and the proper relation of treatment to a disease. Under these headings sound advice is given in a pleasing and lucid manner. It is interesting to watch how much the author makes the etiology, the pathology and the clinical features of disease contribute towards sound and rational methods of treatment. The second half of the work deals with the management of special diseases. It is to this portion of the work that most will turn their attention. The suggestions throughout this portion of the work on the management of such important topics as inflammation of the heart, valvular disease of the heart, acute Bright's disease, chronic Bright's disease, gravel, acute and chronic bronchitis, asthma, pleurisy, pneumonia, phthisis, diarrhoea, typhoid fever, indigestion, etc., etc., cannot be too highly commended. At the end of each chapter there is an epitome on diet, clothing, climate, medicine, exercise, etc. Very carefully prepared selections of prescriptions are given, with indications as to the stages when they should be employed. Those who studied fifteen and twenty years ago will remember what a favorite Fothergill's "Hand-book of Treatment" was. We have in the work before us from the pen of Dr. Bruce all the good features brought up to date, on a highly scientific and rational plan. After having read the work, one can hardly imagine how he could have gotten along without it. A feature of the book that merits more than a passing word is the attention that is given to what nature can do, and does do, to cure disease; and to what an extent we should aid these efforts, and how to give this aid, and when. So far as the make-up of the book is concerned, the well-known publishers have done their full duty. We can conscientiously recommend the work. Every page of it will yield, both pleasure and instruction to the reader.

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