

## Books and Pamphlets.

**DISEASES OF THE HEART AND CIRCULATION IN INFANCY AND ADOLESCENCE.** By John M. Keating, M.D., Obstetrician to the Philadelphia Hospital, etc., etc.; and William A. Edwards, M.D., Physician to St. Joseph's Hospital, etc., etc. Illustrated with photographs and wood engravings. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co. Toronto: Carveth & Co. pp. 207. \$1.50. 1888.

This work takes up in an able and scientific manner diseases of the heart in children. This is a part of the field of medical science which has not been cultivated to the extent that the importance of the subject deserves. Most of us have been disappointed at the small amount of information which is to be gained from works on diseases of children, in this particular line. The matter has been collected chiefly from medical journals, clinical lectures, theses, and reports of societies. It is a fairly complete presentation of the whole subject, as applied to young persons, and will be of interest to every practitioner. It is a question whether the photographs, showing mitral disease, give the reader any clearer conception of the lesion than he could gain from the letter-press.

**THE CONCISE IMPERIAL DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, LITERARY, SCIENTIFIC, ETYMOLOGICAL AND PRONOUNCING.** By Charles Annandale, M.A., LL.D., Editor of the Imperial Dictionary, etc. Edinburgh: Blackie & Son. Toronto: J. E. Bryant & Co. \$4.50. 1887.

We can heartily recommend the work as the best one volume English Dictionary we have seen. It fulfils all the requirements of a dictionary for ordinary use, and is up to the latest date as regards vocabulary, etymology and definition. The printing and binding are excellent, and altogether it is one of the most complete and perfect books in the market.

**A MANUAL OF PHYSIOLOGY; a Text-Book for students of medicine.** By Gerald F. Yeo, M.D., Dublin, F.R.C.S.; Professor of Physiology in King's College, London. Third American from the second English edition with three hundred and twenty-one illustrations. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co.; Toronto: J. A. Carveth & Co. \$3.00.

This book has now become so well and favorably known to students of physiology that a new edition will be of special interest. The arrange-

ment is much the same as the previous edition, but a number of new cuts have been added, which materially improve the work.

The chapter on the nervous system is a volume in itself, and most ably and concisely handled, whilst on the phenomena of nerve and muscle, it is particularly to be commended. We consider it a most reliable work, and one which every student of physiology can carefully read with very great advantage and profit. It is especially to be commended as a text-book.

**A MANUAL OF MEDICAL JURISPRUDENCE; with special reference to Diseases and Injuries of the Nervous System.** By Allan McLane Hamilton, M.D., Consulting Physician to the Insane Asylums of New York, etc. Illustrated. New York: E. S. Treat & Co. P.p. 390. \$2.75. 1887.

This is not a work on medical jurisprudence, in the ordinary sense of the term. Its contents are as follows: Insanity, Insanity in its Medico-legal aspects, Hysteroid conditions and feigned diseases, Epilepsy, Suicide, Cranial Injuries, Spinal Injuries. Thus it will be seen that it does not cover the ground usually included in works on medical jurisprudence.

The book is well written and the points made are illustrated by numerous cases. It seems to be a book more for the lawyer than for the doctor but will be useful as an elementary book of reference for either.

**THE PASSAGE OF AIR AND FÆCES FROM THE URETHRA.** By Harrison Cripps, F.R.C.S., Assistant Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, etc., etc. London: J. & A. Churchill. Toronto: Williamson & Co. 1888.

An interesting account of this rare lesion, containing a short history of sixty-three recorded cases. The pathology, symptoms, prognosis and diagnosis are concisely and clearly given. As to operative treatment the author suggests three methods as theoretically possible, viz.: Colotomy, supra-pubic cystotomy and abdominal section.

**THE TREATMENT OF HEMORRHOIDS BY INJECTIONS OF CARBOLIC ACID AND OTHER SUBSTANCES.** By Silas T. Yount, M.D., Physician to St. Elizabeth's Hospital, etc.; 2nd edition. Lafayette, Indiana: The Echo Musical Co. \$1.00.

In this little work of one hundred and two pages, a modern treatment for hemorrhoids is very ably handled; it is a practical work and will be well received by many practitioners.