

that the volume is composed of almost 1,000 large pages, two columns each, set in small but very distinct and easily read type, one readily concludes that Volume VII. of this wonderful work is almost a medical encyclopedia in itself. It has a most imposing array of contributors, all being prominent medical writers, and each one a litterateur. We find among the list such names as Dr. L. F. Barker, of Toronto, but now Professor of Anatomy in the University of Chicago; Dr. R. R. Bensley, of Toronto, and now assistant to Dr. L. F. Barker in Chicago; Dr. Frank Buller, Dr. J. M. Fry, Dr. Chas. F. Martin, Dr. Wm. S. Morrow, Dr. A. G. Nicholls, Dr. Frank J. Shepherd, all of Montreal; Dr. Wm. Oldright, of Toronto, and Dr. Beaumont Small, of Ottawa.

We read with a great deal of pleasure the eighteen or twenty pages by Dr. Royal Whitman, of New York City, on Diseases of the Spine. It is one of the most up-to-date chapters on the subject that has come under our notice, is written concisely, and added to materially in interest by being freely illustrated by both half-tone and wood cuts. Another chapter that impressed us is the one by Dr. J. Nevins Hyde, on Syphilis. It will be found to include all the most recent views on the subject, and is thoroughly scientific.

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One of the most interesting chapters in the volume is that by Dr. Jos. C. Bloodgood, on Surgical Shock, the best method of determining that condition, and the most effective and rapid