

Book Reviews.

A BOOK OF DETACHABLE DIET LISTS, for Albuminuria, Anæmia and Debility, Constipation, Diabetes, Diarrhœa, Dyspepsia, Fevers, Gout or Uric Acid Diathesis, Obesity, Tuberculosis, and a Sick-Room Dietary. Compiled by Jerome B. Thomas, A.B., M.D., visiting physician to the Home for Friendless Women and Children and to the Newsboys' Home ; assistant visiting physician to the King's County Hospital ; assistant bacteriologist Brooklyn Health Department. Price, \$1.50. Philadelphia : W. B. Saunders, 925 Walnut street.

Between the covers of this book are printed the diet lists for many diseases. These can be torn out and further enlarged to suit the practitioner's requirements and left with the nurse in charge. As complete directions for making soups, egg-nog, and many delicacies are printed, there can be no excuse for not following out instructions. We can recommend them to the profession.

ENLARGEMENT OF THE PROSTATE: ITS TREATMENT AND RADICAL CURE. By C. W. Mansell-Moulein, M.A., M.D. Oxon., F.R.C.S., etc. Demy 8vo. 176 pages. Price, \$1.50. London : H. K. Lewis, 136 Gower street, W.C.

The above volume is filled with information, presented in a most instructive and readable manner. The first chapter deals with the Normal Prostate, its size, development, relations, and functions. It points out clearly a mistaken idea in reference to the homology between prostate and uterus. "The uterus, therefore, is homologous with part of the prostatic *utricle*, and in no way with the prostatic gland." The homology, therefore, that is daily made between uterine fibroids and prostatic enlargement is based on error.

The succeeding four chapters consider the prostate undergoing pathological change, and the causes and effects thereof.

The sixth chapter is very complete, and deals with the most important subject, Diagnosis. Too much care cannot be devoted to the subject of diagnosis. Every male of fifty years of age is not suffering from enlarged prostate, and urinary disorders can arise in them from other causes. The operative treatment is ably discussed, while local treatment by the catheter to maintain the urethral capacity, prevention of cystitis and retention, etc., etc., are all referred to.

Chapter eleven, where the subject of Castration for the cure of Enlarged Prostate is dealt with, is up to date. We are surprised, though, to notice that due credit is not given to Dr. J. William White for priority in this field, more especially since the author lays claim to the idea, as follows : "As frequently happens in such cases, the same idea appears to have occurred, more or less defi-