

Scott, B.A. (Yale University), M.D., C.M. (Edinburgh University). Late Obstetrician to Columbia Hospital for Women, and Lying-in Asylum, Washington, D.C.; late Vice-President of the Medical Association of the District of Columbia, etc., etc. Price \$2. E. B. Treat & Co., New York, 1899.

The discussion of sexual matters is happily being rescued from the overdrawn pictures of the improperly informed, which has in the past prevailed. Scientific men have carefully investigated these functions which have by the mass of the profession been considered too undignified for study, and the Charlatan has had full sway in the gross painting of the evils connected with the abuse of the sexual organs. The present work touches upon a great variety of subjects, largely with a view of showing the true results of various forms of sexual abuse, and has been written, not specially for the physician, but intended primarily for laymen, and the author's endeavour has been "to avoid generalization, vagueness and indefiniteness, to truthfully present physical and ethical facts, not evading unpleasant topics, nor yet transgressing the limits of propriety." As to the importance of the subject, he believes the degradation of mankind is due more to sexual irregularity than to any other cause. The contents of the book may be inferred from the headings of the 13 chapters. The sexual instinct and the importance of a just appreciation of its influence; physiology of the sexual life; a proper calculation of the consequences of impurity from the personal standpoint; woman, and the unmanliness of degrading her; some of the influences which incite to sexual immorality; prostitution and the influences that lead a woman into such a life; the regulation of prostitution; criminal abortion; gonorrhœa and its complications; chancroid; syphilis; onanism and the perversions. These articles are all written with the object of showing up the evil associated with and resulting from them, and hence to deter the susceptible from entering on a course encompassed with danger on all sides. The results of prostitution are truly depicted and shown to be such, that the recounting of them to the tempted would exercise a powerful restraining power in preventing embarkation on a course which usually ends in disaster. The article on criminal abortion is a vivid description of conception and the development of the foetus, the definition of abortion, the risks and danger of the crime, etc. While the book is one that the physician may read with profit, it is calculated more particularly to enlighten the laity in regard to a fruitful source of trouble and suffering, and for the benefit of the rising generation cannot be too widely distributed.

The Pathology and Treatment of Sexual Impotence.

By Victor G. Vicki, M.D., from the author's second German edition, revised and rewritten. W. B. Saunders, 925 Walnut street, Philadelphia, 1899. Price \$2.00. Canadian agents, J. A. Carveth & Co., Toronto, Ont.

This interesting and instructive work on a subject which the mass of the profession require enlightenment upon is from the author's second German edition, which appeared at the end of 1896;