

best that has ever existed. It has been eminently safe and conservative, yet ever practical and progressive. In this report we get interesting details of the methods adopted in Rotunda in various emergencies as well as in ordinary routine work. The Rotunda Hospital is the largest lying-in hospital in Great Britain, and consists of two distinct hospitals, in one of which about 1,800 labor cases are admitted in each year, while in the other about 500 patients suffering from diseases peculiar to women are treated in each year. The medical report of the hospital for the past two years can be obtained post free on application to the Master, Dr. R. D. Purefoy, Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, Ireland.

A Text-Book of Mechano-Therapy. By AXEL V. GRAFSTROM, B.Sc., M.D., late Lieutenant in the Royal Swedish Army; late House Physician, City Hospital, Blackwell's Island, New York. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders, 925 Walnut Street. 1898. Price \$1.00.

This is a small manual in which the author treats of massage and medical gymnastics in a clear and concise manner. The first six chapters are devoted to a description of the movements used and to general massage. They are appropriately illustrated in such a way as to materially help the student or nurse wishing to acquire the art. The system used by the Royal Gymnastic Central Institute of Stockholm, Sweden, has been followed largely, with some modifications suggested by eminent authorities on the subject. The remaining chapters deal with the application of the system to special diseases giving the proper movements for several classes of cases such as diseases of the respiratory organs, urinary organs, cardiac diseases, rheumatism and gout, constipation, diseases of the nervous system, diseases of children, and also gives a short review of mechano-therapy in connection with obstetrics. It is a book well worthy of a careful perusal.

The International Medical Annual for 1899. New York: E. B. Treat & Co., 241 West 23rd Street.

The seventeenth issue will soon be ready, and from the advance announcements we predict a book superior to its predecessors. Among the special articles will be found the following: "Practical X-Ray Work," by R. Norris Wolfenden, M.D., B.A.; "Advances in Skull Surgery," by Seneca D. Powell, M.D.; "Surgical Treatment of Paralysis," by Drs. Robert Jones, F.R.C.S., and A. H. Tubby, M.S., M.B. These articles will be freely illustrated, chiefly by reproductions from photographs. "Climatic Treatment of Consumption," by F. de Havilland Hall,