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BOOK REVIEWS.

Modern Clinical Medicine. Diseases of Metabolism and of the Blood. Animal Parasites. Toxicology. Edited by RICHARD C. CABOT, M.D., Instructor in Clinical Medicine in the Medical School of Harvard University. An authorized translation from *Die Deutsche Klinik*, under the general editorial supervision of JULIUS L. SALINGER, M.D. With one colored plate and fifty-eight illustrations in the text. New York and London: D. Appleton & Co. 1906.

This work contains a series of papers on the chief constitutional conditions, such as diabetes mellitus and insipidus, gout, obesity, over-nutrition and under-nutrition, the anemias, and methods of blood examination, by leading German writers such as Von Noorden, Naunyn, Gerhardt, Ebstein, Erlich and others. "The writers have wisely confined themselves for the most part to thorough discussions of certain points in each of the diseases considered, making no fatuous attempt to compress a huge subject into narrow limits. They have brought their subjects up to date and given frankly their personal views on the points at issue." The work as a whole is very valuable and will prove of great service to any physician. The translation, while good, would be much more clear if it had not followed the German quite so literally.

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The Undertow. By ROBERT E. KNOWLES, author of "St Cuthbert's." Toronto, New York, etc.: Fleming H. Revell Company, publishers.

The author truthfully and strongly, and yet with many a touch of dry humor or beauty of description, weaves his web of life around a family circle whose head is the staunchest of old Scotch Presbyterians, transplanted from his native soil to God's own country—Canada. But unfortunately he raised a thistle, in the shape of a younger son, who became a minister; he was tossed by every wind, and generally a very weak character, ready in his littleness and self-conceit to mistrust the best and most beautiful of wives. The reader cannot forgive the author