

Books and Pamphlets Received.

Annual Report of the Canadian Institute, Session 1888-89, being a part of appendix to the Report of the Minister of Education, Ont.

Transactions of the Medical Association of the State of Missouri, at its 32nd Annual Session, held at Springfield, Mo., May 21st, 1889.

Book Notices.

A Handbook of Dermatology for the use of Students. By A. H. Ohmann-Dumesnil, M.A., M.D., Professor of Dermatology, St Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons, etc.

"This book was not written to fill a long felt want, but rather as a guide to students in their reading." The author has sifted out the wheat from the chaff, and presents, in a concise form, the best and most applicable methods of dealing with the diseases of the skin.

Handbook of Materia Medica, Pharmacy, and Therapeutics, including the Physiological Action of Drugs, and the Special Therapeutics of Disease. Samuel O. Potter, Professor of the Theory and Practice of Medicine in the Cooper Medical College of San Francisco, etc. Second Edition, P. Blakiston, Son & Co., Philadelphia.

The author, already known for his "Quiz Compend" and "Index of Comparative Therapeutics," has compiled a book, which should be of use to the busy practitioner, containing, as it does, a vast amount of accurate and valuable information, arranged in such a form that "he who runs may read."

The American Armamentarium Chirurgicum. New York: George Tiemann & Co., 107 Park Row.

This is a very full and complete illustrated catalogue of surgical instruments. The drawings of the various instruments and appliances in all departments of surgery are exceedingly good. The book, however, is much more than a simple illustrated catalogue. It contains descriptions of the methods to be employed in using the instruments in the various surgical procedures. There is, however, no pretence of originality, as the descriptions referred to are taken from the writings of standard authors. As good judgment has been exercised in choos-

ing the best quotations this portion of the work is all that could be desired. Altogether it is the best book of the kind we have seen.

The Physician himself and Things that concern his Reputation and Success. By D. W. Cathell, M.D., Baltimore, Md. Ninth edition, revised and enlarged. Philadelphia and London: F. A. Davis.

This book contains a large amount of good sound advice which will continue to be of service, more particularly to the young practitioner; the fact that a ninth edition has been called for shows that it has already had a large circulation, and has become widely known. The author has covered a great deal of ground, and almost every conceivable difficulty which may be encountered by the physician, either in his dealings with his patients or in his relation to his professional brethren, is freely discussed, and reliable advice is given as to the proper course to pursue. There are some minor points in which we cannot fully agree with the writer, but there is nothing which we would call objectionable in the book, and as there is a large amount of excellent material presented, we have no hesitation in heartily recommending it to the profession.

The History and Pathology of Vaccination. In two volumes. By Edgar M. Crookshank, M.B., King's College, London. London: H. K. Lewis, Publisher.

In the volumes before us, we have a work of a kind but too seldom seen in the physician's library, at least on this side of the Atlantic. A leading literary light amongst us has said that the medical profession in America should not be reckoned as a learned profession. While this is not altogether true, the very marked lack of information in regard to the history of medicine amongst practitioners lends a certain force to the statement. It is very doubtful if ten men out of a hundred picked at random from the profession in Ontario, could give a correct *résumé* of the information regarding the discovery and introduction of vaccination contained in these volumes. With regard to this work, whilst it is impossible in the space at our disposal to *review* it at all, we can recommend it heartily to the profession as well worthy of perusal, on account of both its historical interest, and its value as a scientific exposition.