

Reviews and Notices of Books.

Food in Health and Disease. By J. BURNEY YEO, M.D., F.R.C.P., Professor of Clinical Therapeutics in King's College, London, &c. With illustrations. New and revised edition. Philadelphia: Lea Brothers & Co.

We are pleased to see a new and revised edition of Dr. Yeo's useful manual on food. The work is one which has met with great favour. In the revised edition much new matter has been added, including a chapter on the sterilization of milk.

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Current from the Main. By W. S. HEDLEY, M.D. Pages, 34. H. K. Lewis, London.

This little book consists chiefly of articles published in *The Lancet* in December, 1891, and April, 1892. After briefly discussing in the first chapter the obvious risks in using the current from the main due to leakage and to breakdown of transformers, and showing that fuses and cut-outs are not a very satisfactory safeguard, the author proceeds to recommend the usual devices of the "shunt or potentiometer rheostat" and the "motor-dynamo" as the safest and most convenient means of reducing the electric pressure within limits suitable for therapeutic purposes. The pages are full of technical terms, indicated by inverted commas, and appear to be offered to specialists as "a complete survey of the whole problem," for which the time is said to have arrived. The book is all too short to be intelligible except to the expert electrician, and we fear that the current from the main must still remain a possible source of danger in the hands of the average M.D., unless he is content to take a practical course under some competent instructor.

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A Handbook of Surface Anatomy and Landmarks. By BERTRAM C. A. WINDLE, D.S.C., M.D., M.A., Professor of Anatomy in Mason College, Birmingham, &c. Second edition, revised in collaboration with F. Manners-Smith, M.A., M.R.C.S., Lecturer on Osteology and Senior Demonstrator of Anatomy, Mason College, Birmingham. London: H. K. Lewis, 1896.

Into the small space of 143 pages is crowded a great deal of very valuable information, and the carefully drawn diagrams (some of them beautifully coloured) show, at a glance, the exact position of the most important internal organs. In addition to the strictly anatomical details, there are many useful hints given as to the performance of the simpler surgical operations, which render the work useful to the general practitioner, as well as to the senior student, for whom it is more especially designed.