

for each of the important metals. The tables of tests for both metallic and acid radicles of compounds in aqueous solution are singularly compendious. Organic Chemistry has devoted to it only a few pages, and the third part of the work, on Urinalysis, is a really excellent summary of the subject, shorn of all "padding." The illustrations are excellent, both of apparatus and microscopic specimens. The author makes a curious apology for his little work, in his preface, in which he practically acknowledges the evil, which he regards as for the present at least irremediable, of substituting for more exhaustive text-books, books of the quiz-compend style, which favor cram and put a handicap upon intelligent study.

SAUNDERS' QUESTION COMPENDS, No. 15. ESSENTIALS OF THE DISEASES OF CHILDREN. By Wm. M. Powell, M.D., Physician to the Clinic for the Diseases of Children in the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, etc., etc. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders, 1890.

Assuming for the moment that the quiz-compend is a desirable thing, the text-book just named has perhaps more to recommend it than most of its class. It seems to be thoroughly abreast of the times, in pathology and treatment especially, and though the subjects of diet, hygiene, nursing and kindred matters, are kept largely in the background, the text-book is very systematic and concise, in its discussion of the important diseases of childhood. The subject is alike important and neglected by medical students, and if the brevity and conciseness of the 200 pages should induce more study of the subject by undergraduates the author will have done the public a service. The typography is good, and the literary style of the book fair.

A TEXT-BOOK OF COMPARATIVE PHYSIOLOGY, for Students and Practitioners of Comparative (Veterinary) Medicine. By Wesley Mills, M. A., M.D., D.V.S. With 476 Illustrations. New York: D. Appleton & Co., 1890. Cloth, pp. 636.

This is an excellent work, and one which has been long needed. There has been, until within the last year, no work in English of the character of the present, and the veterinary student has been compelled to study the subject through the medium of works on human physiology alone. The work is very complete and we may say that

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THE PHYSICIAN'S VISITING LIST FOR 1891. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co. Toronto: Carveth & Co.

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