

Reviews.

Heredity, Health, and Personal Beauty. By John V. Shoemaker, A.M., M.D., Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics and Clinical Medicine, and Clinical Professor of Diseases of the Skin in the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia, etc. Philadelphia and London: F. A. Davis, Publisher.

This is an exceedingly interesting book, both scientific and practical in character, intended for both professional and lay readers. In showing the influence of heredity the author discusses freely Darwin's theory of evolution, particularly with reference to acquired as well as congenital characters. He contends that the physical, moral, and mental worlds are, all alike, controlled by the law of evolution. In speaking of health and personal beauty, he discusses the effects of environment, exercise of various kinds, the treatment of the skin, and the various parts and organs of the body. Many and useful are the hints given as to bathing, clothing, food, ventilation, etc. The book is well written and presented in admirable form by the publisher.

The Year-Book of Treatment for 1891. A critical review for practitioners of medicine and surgery. Contributors: Drs. Baron, Mitchell Bruce, Garrod, Berry Hart, Herman, Maguire, Owen, Phillips, Power, Ralfe, Reynolds, Ross, Skerritt; Messrs. Cooper, Reginald Harrison, Malcolm Morris, and Walsham.

The object of this year-book is to supply a concise epitome of the chief articles by the year, with a short criticism of the more important subjects, together with full references. It is not intended to be either a dictionary or text-book of medicine, but a ready help to practitioners. The names of the contributors will afford a guarantee as to the excellent character of the work. It is published by the well-known firm of Lea Brothers & Co., of Philadelphia.

The International Medical Annual and Practitioner's Index for 1891. Edited by P. W. Williams, M.D., Secretary of Staff, assisted by a corps of thirty-eight collaborators—European and American—specialists in their several departments. 600 Svo. pages. Illustrated. \$2.75. E. B. Treat, publisher, 5 Cooper Union, New York.

The ninth yearly issue of this valuable reference work is to hand. Part I. comprises the new remedies, together with a review of the therapeutic progress of the year. Part II. is devoted to special articles on diagnosis. Part III., comprising the major portion of the book, is given to the consideration of new treatment. Part IV. is made up of miscellaneous articles, such as improvements in pharmacy, books of the year, etc. In short, the *Annual* is a recapitulation of the year's progress in medicine, serving to keep the practitioner abreast of the times with reference to the medical literature of the world. Price, \$2.75.

Personal.

DR. LAFFERTY, of Hamilton, who was seriously ill for over three months from pneumonia and its sequela, has recovered.

DR. A. B. ATHERTON, of Toronto, sailed for England on the *Etruria*, April 18.

LATEST reports show that Dr. A. T. Carson, of Toronto, is in Rome. He had a slight attack of bronchitis, from which he is recovering.

DR. E. P. GORDON, of Toronto, is surgeon on one of the C.P.R. steamers, which left Liverpool } April 11, on its voyage round the world.

MR. THOS. BRYANT was elected a representative of the Royal College of Surgeons in the place of the late Mr. John Marshall.

DR. EDWARD A. AYERS has been elected to the Professorship of Obstetrics in the New York Polyclinic.

DR. L. S. McMURTRY, of Louisville, Kentucky, President of the Southern Surgical and Gynæcological Association, delivered two lectures before the Alumni Association of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, April 11th and 13th, on "The Pathology, Diagnosis, and Treatment of Ectopic Gestation."