

## BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS RECEIVED.

ELEMENTS OF PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE, by R. T. Brown, M.D. Cincinnati: Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co.

This is intended as a text book for schools, and is quite a model of neatness, being well printed with clear type, on very good paper, and with good engravings. As we advocate strongly the teaching of physiology and hygiene in all public schools, we are always glad to welcome works of this kind. But we beg to give a few words of kindly criticism on this one and shall be glad if they have a good effect on future editions. We know something about what it is to write amid the many and irregular duties of a medical practitioner, and we would suggest to the Author a careful revision of the work. While it contains all that is necessary for a pupil to know, and a satisfactorily liberal space is given to the important subject of hygiene, the text or composition is often obscure, and much is left for the youthful reader to conjecture. A careful revision might remedy this. For example, in section 43, to what does the first word in the second sentence, 'If,' refer? Of course it is intended to refer to the left ventricle, but grammatically it refers to the blood. 'This is health,' last words on page 13:—what is health? Is it defined in the previous sentence? The pupil is told, page 40, that 'the left side of the heart is engaged in the distribution of blood to all parts of the body, for *its* nutrition.' Not the nutrition of the heart, certainly. Again, that 'blood is forced into the ventricles through three triangular folds of membrane;' that all the veins 'form *one* great trunk, the vena cava;' and that blood is 'returned to the heart by the pulmonary vein;' one vein? We believe these must arise through want of careful revision. We do not understand sentences one and three of section 50, on the absorbents. Finally, is power or force *distributed* to every organ by the nervous system, or does this system bring the forces, the potential energies in the organs, into play, and guide them? We shall hope to see a second 'revised' edition.

A CASE OF ENDOTHELIOMA OF THE INTERVAGINAL SPACE OF THE OPTIC NERVE. REMOVAL WITH ATTEMPT TO PRESERVE THE EYE-BALL. SUBSEQUENT ENUCLEATION ON ACCOUNT OF UNCONTROLLABLE HEMORRHAGE. REMARKS. By Dr. Adolf Alt, M.C.P. and S.O., of Toronto. Lecturer on Ophthalmology and Otology to the Trinity Medical School. New York: William Wood & Co.

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