

powerful constitutional tonic, as well as a stimulator and excitor of paralysed muscles. The work is written in a bold and flowing style, and breathes throughout a spirit of purity which makes it pleasant reading. Cases of sexual exhaustion deserve far more consideration at the hands of the profession than they are in the habit of receiving. If this attention was given to them they would not fall in such numbers into the hands of the Quack, who reaps from them a rich harvest of fees. This book is calculated to awaken in the mind of the thoughtful reader a deep interest in the unfortunate victims of "Neurasthenia." If Dr. Beard had written nothing but this work, he would not, we believe, have lived his short life in vain.

Bacteria and the Germ Theory of Disease. By Dr. H. GRADLE, Professor of Physiology, Chicago Medical College. Chicago: W. T. Keener, 96 Washington street.

This book contains eight lectures delivered at the Chicago Medical College, and they give a really very excellent resume of the whole subject.

A Practical Treatise on Surgical Diagnosis Designed as a Manual for Practitioners and Students in Medicine. By AMBROSE L. RANNEY, A.M., M.D., Professor of Practical Anatomy in the New York Postgraduate Medical School. Third edition, thoroughly revised, enlarged and profusely illustrated. New York: William Wood & Co., 1884.

This, the third edition, is very much increased in size over previous editions. This is due to the addition of two chapters on diseases of the brain and spinal cord and their envelopes, which certainly help to enhance the value of an already very valuable book. Quite a number of new illustrations have been added, some of them original, but the majority taken from well known surgical works. Dr. Ranney's work is recognized as a text book in many medical schools. It deserves to occupy a similar position in all of them. It is a work which should be found on the shelf of every surgeon and general practitioner.

A Manual of Bandaging Adapted for Self-instruction. By C. HENRI LEONARD, A.M., M.D. With one hundred and thirty-nine engravings—Second edition revised and enlarged. Detroit: Published by the Illustrated Medical Journal Company. Price \$1.50.

This little work, of about one hundred and sixty pages, is eminently practical in its character. There does not seem to be a superfluous word in all its pages, and the various descriptions are given with much clearness and distinctness. The illustrations are admirable, and of course assist materially in fully comprehending some of the uncommon and rarely-used forms of bandaging. A chapter which will be read with profit is the one on the preparations of the various forms of poultice—while the chapter on strapping gives much valuable information. All these subjects are of course taught in Medical Schools, and practically illustrated by Clinical Professors, but little about them is to be found in systematic treatises, and even in works on minor surgery they are treated with much briefness. This book, it seems to us, supplies a want in our Surgical literature, and we therefore commend it to the attention of our readers.

A Text Book of Practical Medicine, designed for the use of Students and Practitioners of Medicine. By ALFRED LOOMIS, M.D., LL.D., Professor of Pathology and Practical Medicine in the Medical Department of the University of New York, Physician to Bellevue Hospital. With two hundred and eleven illustrations. New York: Wm. Wood & Co.

Dr. Loomis is known to the profession principally by his admirable work on Physical Diagnosis and numerous contributions to the Medical Press of New York city. The latter have found him an admirable observer of the practical points in the history of Disease. A systematic work on the Practice of Medicine from the pen of such a man naturally receives, or should receive, a hearty welcome at the hands of his professional brethren; and that this work will receive such a reception we have not a shadow of doubt. It is elaborate, and yet, withal, concise, and the style is pleasant, if such a term may be used in speaking of a work which deals with the various medical diseases to which the human family is subject. The volume consists of eleven hundred pages, and is divided into six sections as follows: Sect. i. Diseases of the Respiratory Organs. Sect. ii. Diseases of the Digestive System, including those of the Liver, Spleen and Pancreas. Sect. iii. Diseases of the Heart, Blood-vessels and Kidneys. Sect. iv. Acute General Diseases (this includes Miasmatic Contagious Diseases, Acute Contagious Diseases, and Malaria).