

Book Reviews.

THE AMERICAN YEAR-BOOK OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY: Being a yearly digest of scientific progress and authoritative opinion in all branches of medicine and surgery, drawn from journals, monographs, and text-books of the leading American and foreign authors and investigators, collected and arranged with critical editorial comments by Drs. J. M. Baldy, C. H. Burnett, Archibald Church, C. F. Clarke, Chalmers DaCosta, Dorland, Gibney, Homer Gibney, Griffin, Guiteras, Hamann, Hansell, Hardaway, Hardie, Hersman, Hirst, Ingalls, Keen, Leffmann, Norrie, Patrick, Pepper, Riesman, Starr, Stengel, Stewart, and Westcott. Under the general editorial charge of George M. Gould, M.D. Profusely illustrated with numerous wood-cuts in text, and thirty-three handsome half-tone and colored plates. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders, 925 Walnut street.

The book gives an admirable epitome of things new in the medical year of 1896. It is no simple matter to select the best among the almost innumerable new things published in periodicals, monographs, text-books, etc.; and, of course, the value of a work such as this depends largely, if not altogether, on the judgment displayed by the editors in the various departments. The names of Dr. Gould's co-workers in connection with this book are well-known to the profession of Canada, and much that is good, and nothing that is bad, will be looked for. We desire to say to those who expect much that they are not likely to be disappointed.

TEXT-BOOK OF THE PATHOGENIC BACTERIA. Specially written for students of medicine. By Joseph McFarland, M.D., Professor of Pathology and Bacteriology in the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia, etc. 359 pages, finely illustrated. Cloth. Price, \$2.50 net.

The book presents a concise account of the technical procedures necessary in the study of bacteriology. It describes the life-history of pathogenic bacteria, and the pathological lesions following invasions. The illustrations have been gathered from standard sources, and comprise the best and most complete aggregation extant. It—written by one in every sense competent for so important an undertaking—is a wonderful help to the busy practitioner. The material is complete and up to date. The knowledge of pathogenic bacteria has increased wonderfully during the past few years, and, unless by such volumes as this, the man in general practice could not keep himself acquainted with the advancement. We can recommend the work to the profession. The publishers have illustrated this volume with their usual great care.