

Medical College, Philadelphia. Fifth edition, revised and enlarged. New York : D. Appleton & Co. Toronto : Willing & Williamson.

The work before us has undergone many important changes and additions in the present edition. The use of electricity in medicine has received the author's special attention, and much light has been thrown on the subject and many valuable hints suggested. The work is brought fully abreast of the most recent advances in this department. The various new remedies recently introduced to the notice of the profession are brought under discussion, such for example as nitro-glycerine, muscarine, quebracho, convallaria, resorcin, chinoline, etc. The value of atropine as an antidote to poisoning by carbolic acid is alluded to, and the credit given to Dr. Post, of New York, for having first suggested it. The work contains a fund of valuable information, not to be found in works of the kind generally, and we have therefore much pleasure in commending it to the attention of the profession in Canada.

THE MEDICAL STUDENT'S MANUAL OF CHEMISTRY. By R. A. Witthaus, A.M., M.D., Prof. of Chemistry and Toxicology in the University of Buffalo, etc. Pp. 370. New York : Wm. Wood & Co. Toronto : Willing & Williamson.

As is stated in the preface, "the author has striven to produce a work which should contain as much as possible of those portions of special chemistry which are of direct interest to the medical practitioner, and at the same time to exclude as far as possible, without detriment to a proper understanding of the subject, those portions which are of purely technological interest." The work is divided into three parts : the first treats of the principles of the science ; the second treats of special chemistry ; and the third is devoted to laboratory technics. The author has succeeded well in his efforts to make the work as simple and practical as possible, and we feel sure he will receive the grateful acknowledgments of those whose interests he has so well considered.

A MANUAL OF THE OPERATIONS OF SURGERY, for the use of Senior Students, House Surgeons and Junior Practitioners. Illustrated. By Joseph Bell, F.R.C.S., Edin., Lecturer on Clinical Surgery, Edinburgh University. Fifth edition, revised and enlarged. Edinburgh : Maclachlan & Stewart.

We are pleased to receive from the publishers an advance copy of this most excellent little man-

ual on operative surgery by the distinguished surgeon, Joseph Bell. The author very modestly claims that it is for the use of students, house surgeons and junior practitioners, but we venture to say that it will be found of service to all surgeons whatever their experience may be. The descriptions of the various operations, though concise, are yet sufficiently explicit, and many useful and valuable hints are given with regard to their performance, and the reasons for the selection of one operation in preference to another, which are not to be found in other works on surgery. We have much pleasure in commending the work to the attention of our readers.

THE PATHOLOGY AND TREATMENT OF VENEREAL DISEASES. By Freeman J. Bumstead, M.D., LL.D., late professor of venereal diseases at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York ; and Robert W. Taylor, A.M., M.D., professor of venereal and skin diseases in the University of Vermont, etc. Fifth edition, revised and rewritten, with many additions by Dr. Taylor, with one hundred and thirty-nine wood cuts and thirteen chromo-lithographic figures. Philadelphia : Henry C. Lea's Son & Co. 1883.

This work is already well-known to the profession, and the present edition, edited by Dr. Taylor, will be gladly welcomed. It is not too much to say that it is the best work on venereal diseases in the English, or indeed in any language. The style is clear and distinct, and the teaching quite abreast of the most advanced ideas on the subject of which it treats. Mercury still holds a prominent position, and justly so, in the treatment of syphilis. This is in accord with the experience of the profession in all parts of the world. The publishers have also done their part well.

PARKES' MANUAL OF PRACTICAL HYGIENE. Sixth Edition, by Professor Chaumont. New York : William Wood & Co. Toronto : Willing & Williamson.

Professor Chaumont has already won a high repute as editor of the great work of his predecessor Dr. Parkes, late Professor of Military Hygiene in the Army Medical School at Netly ; and in some particulars this Sixth Edition is an improvement on the previous ones. Matter now out of date has been omitted and new substituted, but without any great increase in size of the work.

Every aid of type arrangement and classification has been made, and in this reprint of Wm. Wood