

A Hand-book for Nurses. By J. K. WATSON, M.D. (Edin.), late House Surgeon, Essex and Colchester Hospital; Assistant House Surgeon, Sheffield Royal Infirmary and Sheffield Royal Hospital. American Edition, under the supervision of A. A. STEVENS, A.M., M.D., Professor of Pathology in the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania; Lecturer on Physical Diagnosis in the University of Pennsylvania; Physician to St. Agnes' Hospital, Philadelphia. Philadelphia; W. B. Saunders. 1900. Toronto: J. A. Carveth & Co. 413 pages. 72 illustrations. Price, cloth, \$1.50.

On perusing this work we were struck with the characteristic which we afterwards found announced in the preface, that it is the endeavor of the author "to supply in one volume that information which so many nurses at the present time are trying to extract from various medical works. . . . The subject of nursing *per se* has been confined to one chapter." Various points of anatomy, physiology, therapeutics and hygiene are sketched in a manner suitable for the informing of the nurse. We would have liked to see more information given on matters hygienic; and we do not exactly understand what the author means when discussing the question whether 2,000 or "1,200 cubic feet of air are required for each patient in a ward." Does he mean air space? We would also point out that the temperature of 60° may suit in England, but it is too low for our wards on this continent. We take this opportunity of saying also that we think the writers of our profession ought to try and guard the "well of English undefiled," and not slip into such colloquialisms as "learnt" for "learned."

It must not be thought, however, from our trying to stir the author and others up to greater care that we do not appreciate the work, which we think will be a most useful addition to the nurse's library.

Practical Manual of Diseases of Women and Uterine Therapeutics for Students and Practitioners. By H. McNAUGH-TON-JONES, M.D., M.Ch., Master of Obstetrics (Honoris Causa) Royal University of Ireland, President of the British Gynecological Society, etc. Eighth edition, revised and enlarged, with 640 illustrations and 28 plates. Price, 18s. net. London: Bailliere, Tindall & Cox., 20 and 21 William Street, Strand, 1900.

The author in his preface refers in detail to certain advances in gynecology during the past few years, especially as to operative procedures. In consequence of such advances, and