

aged, that there was dense darkness in the past. Let us hope that the light now bursting on us is devoid of illusory safraction, and that it will reach our centres of vision free from chromatic aberration. Medical science is now bounding forward in seven-leagued boots. To halt in the march, is to fall helplessly and hopelessly into the rear, and to lose all chance of sharing in the booty. So, young men close up your ranks, keep your dress'ng, and let *forward* be the word. *Sic itur ad astra.*

DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS; a Manual of the Comparative Semeiology of the More Important Diseases. By F. de Haviland Hall, M.D., Assistant Physician to the Westminster Hospital, London. Pp. 255. 1887. Philadelphia: D. G. Brinton. Toronto: Carveth & Co.

This is the third American edition of the work founded upon Dr. Hall's *Synopsis of the Diseases of the Larynx, Lungs and Heart*. The plan adopted by Dr. Hall has been extended to embrace all the more frequent and important diseases. The present edition has been revised and extended by Dr. Frank Woodbury, and is now a complete work within the limits which it aims to cover. The trend of scientific and even of literary education seems to-day to be in the direction of tabulated knowledge, and more or less towards the getting up of facts for the purpose of passing examinations. This is certainly to be deprecated, and used in such a way this book would be not only useless, but harmful. Nevertheless, it will be of great use not only to the practitioner, but to the student in comparing the semeiology of diseases, and will save many a weary hour in making comparative tables for such purpose. It is complete and well arranged, and we can recommend it to the busy practitioner and over-worked student.

A PRACTICAL TREATISE ON THE DISEASES OF THE HAIR AND SCALP. By George Thomas Jackson, M.D., Instructor in Dermatology, in the N. Y. Polyclinic, etc., etc. Pp. 326. \$2.75. New York: E. B. Treat. 1887.

The first 60 pages of this useful work treat of the anatomy, physiology and hygiene of the scalp and hair. Part two, treats of the essential, and part three, of parasitic diseases of the hair. In the concluding section are discussed those diseases which are secondary to diseases of the skin. The work is well written, not cumbersome, and not too scientific for the general practitioner, to whom it will be valuable as setting forth concisely the latest ideas on the subject, as well as giving simple and practical methods of treatment.

THE MEDICAL NEWS VISITING LIST FOR 1888. Philadelphia: Lea Bros. \$1.25.

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PHYSICIAN'S VISITING LIST FOR 1888. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co.

This is quite up to the usual merit of this annual work, and indeed has much new matter to recommend it. The publishers have added, Aids in the diagnosis and treatment of the more common superficial ocular affections; a Diagram showing the eruption of the milk teeth, by Louis Starr; a Posological Table from Guy's Hospital Pharmacopeia; and have retained all the useful information found in previous years' lists. Different sizes are published, that for 25 patients per day or week being \$1.00; interleaved edition, 25c. extra. The binding is durable, and altogether the book is invaluable to the practitioner.

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