

Book Reviews.

REPORTS OF THE TRUSTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE BUTLER HOSPITAL, PROVIDENCE, R.I., Jan., 1907.

This little book of forty-nine pages devoted to the annual report of "Butler" reflects great credit on Dr. Alder Bluner, the Superintendent, who has done so much to bring this hospital to the front rank of psychiatric institutions in America.

The book is artistically, and quite profusely illustrated, and gives the reader an excellent conception of the delightful situation of the hospital; the nature of the scientific work being done, and the means employed in the treatment, for *e.g.*, occupation, etc. The progress of the training school for nurses is briefly dwelt upon; and it is a feature at Butler that all nurses are given a special course of two months in district nursing.

Lists of former trustees, superintendent's, assistant physicians, and of the graduates of the training school, with certain statistical information, concludes a really admirable annual report.

MODERN MEDICINE, its theory and practice, in original contributions by American and foreign authors. Edited by Wm. Osler, M.D., Regius Professor of Medicine in Oxford University; formerly Professor of Medicine in Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore: in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and in McGill University, Montreal. Assisted by Thos. McCrae, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine and Clinical Therapeutics in Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. Volume I. Evolution of internal medicine; predisposition and immunity; diseases caused by physical, chemical and organic agents, by vegetable parasites, by protozoa, and by animal parasites; nutrition; constitutional diseases. Illustrated. Philadelphia and New York: Lea Bros. & Co. 1907.

This new system of medicine, of which we have expected so much, has at last reached its first volume, to be followed by others at intervals of three months. It is twenty years since American publishers attempted anything of this nature, and such great progress has been made in the science and art of medicine that there is ample scope for another system, which, in all probability, will be sold in larger numbers than any other work of a similar kind.

The list of contributors to this volume includes men from nearly every important medical centre of the English-speaking world, the Americans, as one would expect, being in the majority. Of the various articles it would be difficult to say anything except in praise, since each is written by a master hand. The introduction on the evolution of medicine is in