

the perineum after amputation of the penis for epithelioma. Of the German cuts or plates some of the best are the illustrations of sections through joints (after Broune), and those (after Socin), in the chapter on genito-urinary diseases. Instead of entering here into any extended review of the work we may at a later date present to our readers certain selections from its pages. In conclusion we may say that the book is characterized throughout by good practical common sense, wide research and excellent judgment as to what should be left out of, as well as what should enter into, a work of this scope. A student who has become thoroughly conversant with it need not fear being ploughed in examinations or tripped in practice, and he will need nothing more than this upon surgery till he ceases to buy text-books and substitutes for them the monograph that now cover every department of surgical science so admirably. The practitioner also who desires to regain touch with those who march in the front rank of surgical teaching, will find that in reading this book he will be able to judge wherein he has lagged behind. The work of the publisher is all that the most exacting could wish for.

**DISEASES OF WOMEN :** a Hand-book for Physicians and Students, by Dr. F. Winckel, of Munich. Translated by Dr. Williamson, of Alleghany, under the supervision of Theo. Parvin, M.D., Jefferson College, Philadelphia.

**HAND-BOOK OF MATERIA MEDICA, PHARMACY AND THERAPEUTICS,** by Samuel O. L. Potter, M.A., M.D., Professor of Medicine, Cooper Medical College, San Francisco. Philadelphia : P. Blakiston, Son & Co.

The two volumes before us belong to a series of manuals which the publishers are now presenting to the profession in order to meet what is felt to be a growing want, viz. : A set of text-books that shall be manuals in point of size and yet include all that is likely to be required by students or practitioners. Many of the present text-books are overgrown, and so replete with unnecessary details that they are confusing to the student, points of minor importance being discussed that are of interest only to the specialist. The authors have spared no pains to make the books useful, practical and in every respect thoroughly up to the times ; long experience as writers and teachers enabling them to present their subjects clearly and concisely. The success already accorded one or two of the volumes warrants the publishers issuing them at the very low price of \$3.00, bound in cloth, and \$3.50 in leather ; this, other conditions being favorable, will be an argument for their adoption and use. We give here a list of the series now ready : Galabin's Midwifery ; Yeo's Manual of

Physiology ; Goodhart & Starr's Diseases of Children ; Waring's Practical Therapeutics ; Reese's Medical Jurisprudence and Toxicology, and Richter's Organic Chemistry.

**THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE TREATMENT OF HOMŒOPATHY, ECLECTICISM AND KINDRED DELUSIONS,** which may hereafter arise in the medical profession, as viewed from the standpoint of the history of medicine and of personal experience. By Henry I Bowditch, A.M., M.D., of Boston. Boston : Cupples, Upham & Co.

The pamphlet before us is the printed address of the venerable author delivered before the Rhode Island Medical Society, on its 75th anniversary in June last. After giving reasons for the rise of the sects, he asks, Have we treated these sects wisely ? He answers in the negative and quotes a long letter written to him in 1857 by Dr. James Jackson of Boston, at that time the recognized leader of the profession in New England. This letter is a most able and eloquent defence of his own course in his liberal treatment of irregular practitioners, and a vigorous protest against the absurd folly of quarrelling with those who hold opposite beliefs to those entertained by the regular profession. Dr. Bowditch endorses this letter and gives the weight of his opinion in favor of consultations with all "legalized medical bodies." "The present hostile attitude of the Old Code Physicians toward the New Code practitioners, because of the opinions of the latter upon the proper treatment of Homœopaths and Eclectics, is equalled in absurdity only by the late trial held at the United States Hotel in Boston to decide whether a man can be allowed to enter upon a devoted Christian missionary life, who admits that, possibly, all unbaptized infants and Heathen men and women, ignorant of Christian "ethics," may have a chance of escaping from perpetual Hell Fire after leaving this world. The Priest and Physician were in old times united in one person. The modern follies of the Orthodox in religion and in medicine seem to point to their common origin."

### **Births, Marriages and Deaths.**

At Kingston, on the 11th ult., the wife of Dr. W. H. Henderson, of a daughter.

On the 5th ult., Dr. O'Sullivan, of Peterboro', Ont., aged 50 years.

On the 22nd of January, W. J. Mitchell, M.D. of Unionville, Ont., aged 41 years.

On the 22nd ult., Dr. F. L. Nesbitt, of Angus, aged 49 years.