

Book Notices.

Laboratory Guide for the Bacteriologist. By LANGDON FROTHINGHAM, M.D.V., Yale. W. B. Saunders, Publisher, Philadelphia.

The author of this volume has, in a concise way, given the methods employed for making, staining and mounting pathological and bacterial specimens. It will be found very helpful to all students in this department, especially to beginners and those who work alone. The little but important points, without the careful observance of which blunders are made, have received due prominence.

Notes on the Newer Remedies: Their Therapeutic Applications and Modes of Administration. By DAVID CERNA, M.D., Ph.D., Demonstrator of Physiology and Lecturer on the History of Medicine in the Medical Department of the University of Texas. Second edition, enlarged and revised. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders, 925 Walnut Street. 1895.

This is a handy book of reference, cheap in price, and furnished with a good index. It is with remedies as with books—of the multiplying of them there is no end, therefore all the more necessity of having brief and clear descriptions of them. Dr. Cerna has undertaken the task of supplying the profession with a useful aid in the prescribing of the newer drugs, and his work is a creditable production.

Syllabus of Gynecology. Based on the American Text-Book of Gynecology. By J. W. LONG, M.D., Richmond, Va.: Professor of Gynecology and Pediatrics in the Medical College of Virginia and Philadelphia. W. B. Saunders, 925 Walnut Street. 1895.

The Syllabus of Gynecology, a copy of which we have just received, is a compendium of value to those engaged in teaching the subject and also to the student, or even to the practitioner who wishes to glance quickly over the salient points of a case.

Though the author, Dr. J. W. Long, of Richmond, Va., has done his work with care, we think that in a few instances he might have taken a wider range. Suprapubic cystotomy need hardly have been mentioned (Fol. 124) in the treatment of vesical calculi in women. Rare is the case where the calculus is too large for removal by kolpocystotomy, the preferable route. In diagnosis of tumors of the bladder, digital exploration by way of the urethra, and other methods, should have been mentioned, as well as "symptoms and cystoscopy."