

membranes, hence the safety in giving large doses, as the intestinal muscles are not acted upon by them."

ACROLOZONE, "HARVEY'S."—Manufactured in this city, is a somewhat similar, but much more staple preparation than hydrogen peroxide. It is a powerful antiseptic and can be used with greater freedom than the peroxide, owing to its being un-irritating. It is of particular value as a wet dressing for ulcerated surfaces, serviceable in cases of chronic suppuration, and simply invaluable in diphtheria. It is also being administered in teaspoonful doses, in certain cases of dyspepsia.

CORRECTION.—In our last issue, in the proceedings of the Ontario Medical Council, at p. 375, we stated that Dr. Moore moved a resolution relative to the Finance Committee. It should have read "Dr. Millar moves," etc.

Books and Pamphlets.

A TEXT-BOOK OF THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE, for the use of Students and Practitioners. By R. C. M. Payne, M.D., Professor of General Medicine and Diseases of the Chest, in the New York Polyclinic, etc. Wm. Wood & Co. N.Y., 1892.

This new volume, which is by no means one of the compend or quiz sort of text-book, is a very compendious treatise upon the large and important subject undertaken. One may make its scope plainer to Canadian readers by saying that it seems to occupy the same place in medicine as does Walsham in surgery, and while it seems incorrect to call it a text-book for the use of practitioners, it would appear very well suited to the purpose of the student. Even on the latter, however, it is probable that the effect of the exclusive use of such brief treatises in student days is not good, as tending not to develop the habit of reading in more extensive works; a habit which will not be well formed in the busier journal-reading days of practice, if the foundation be not laid before those days begin. The classification of diseases is modern and refreshing, rheumatism, articular and muscular, being classed where they belong, among the acute infectious disorders. Diseases of the heart and respiratory system alone

occupy rather more than one-third of the book, a circumstance due, perhaps, to the natural insistence of a specialist upon his own subject. The paper is excellent, and the typography very good, but the lack of proper paragraphing, and arrangement of the subject on the page so that the untrained eye and mind of the student may be aided in reducing order from chaos, is very apparent. It strikes one as unscholarly to see Latin and English incongruously mixed, as thus: "Fl. ext. ergot," where "ext. ergotæ fl." is meant; or thus, "I have usually given it in ten-grain doses ter die for about six weeks"; or thus, in a prescription, "Pulv. potass. iodidi, Fowler's solution, aquæ q.s. ad." etc.

A TEXT-BOOK OF NURSING; for the use of Training Schools, Families, and Private Students; compiled by Sarah S. Weeks-Shaw. Second edition, revised and enlarged. Illustrated, pp. 391. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Toronto: Carveth & Co., 1892.

This new edition is up to date, as regards the new procedures in surgery—those of the last half dozen years—and with which every trained and competent nurse should be familiar. A chapter on Gynæcology has been inserted, and it will be a welcome addition to the book. The book presupposes a certain knowledge of anatomy and physiology, it having been found impossible to incorporate these. The work is well written, and well printed, the illustrations are good, and, taken as a whole, the work is perhaps the best we have seen on the subject.

ESSENTIALS OF DIAGNOSIS; Arranged in the Form of Questions and Answers, prepared especially for Students of Medicine. By Solomon Solis-Cohen, M.D., and Augustus A. Eshner, M.D., with fifty-five illustrations, some colored, and a frontispiece. Philadelphia; W. B. Saunders, Toronto: Carveth & Co.

This is one of Saunders' well known series. The price is \$1.50; pp. 382. The general scope of such work is well known. While they must be harmful to the student if read to the exclusion of standard works, they certainly fill a place in the student's room,—that of the old-fashioned note book. The present volume is well up with the most modern ideas regarding diagnosis. The differential diagnosis of diseases will be of much use to the student.