

editions in a short space of time, this is one of the best. We have now before us the fifth in seven years, and the book has been much improved. A cursory examination seems to justify the faith in it shown by medical teachers and students. The author's claim that he has attempted to present the best teaching of modern gynæcology untrammelled by antiquated theories or modes of treatment is well sustained. For facts of anatomy, physiology and pathology the student is referred to larger books.

We cordially approve of the first chapter on the general causes of diseases of women. That part of it which treats of improper clothing and modes of life, such as irregular hours for sleeping and eating, of neglect during early menstrual life, and of the unphysiological modern methods of the education of young girls, should be authoritatively impressed on all mothers or guardians and teachers of young girls.

One naturally examines the book to find how the author deals with the burning questions of the day in gynæcological matters. Of the relatively modern and, by some, much-lauded vaginal section for the correction of uterine displacements and the dealing with a variety of other morbid conditions of the female pelvic organs there is no mention that we can find. The same is to be said of that most fatal of all the malignant diseases of the uterus, chorion epithelioma or deciduoma malignum. These are omissions which, we think, are not to be excused, even in a text-book written especially with a view to the needs of the medical student. If briefly considered, they would not have added materially to the size of the book. With the exception of these criticisms, we have much praise for this work. Its dogmatic method of teaching is certainly the best for the student. The publishers' part is most praiseworthy. The relatively slight glazing of the paper makes the book comfortable to read, while the type and illustrations are perfectly clear.

KIRKE'S HANDBOOK OF PHYSIOLOGY. Revised by FREDERICK C. BUSCH, B.S., M.D., Professor of Physiology in the Medical Department of the University of Buffalo. Fifth American Edition. William Wood & Co., New York.

During recent years there have been two different text-books upon the Canadian market bearing the title of "Kirke's Handbook of Physiology." One of these has been published in England under the editorship of Prof. W. D. Halliburton, and claims to be the only genuine and authorized edition. The other is the one before us. On comparing the two, we find that they have many illustrations and occasional paragraphs of letter-press in common, but they differ from one another