

prefer to find our author enthusiastic and energetic and willing to show grounds for his belief, rather than tamely submitting to follow in worn groves, only he must not carry this too far.

In accordance with the practical character of the work, the simplest classification possible has been adopted, viz., that of Willan, and in this we think he has done well. In the chapter on Eczema, besides the treatment, the author discusses its nature, its anatomical seat, its contagiousness, its hereditary properties, and the supposed danger of healing up an eruption of this character—and much that is interesting is to be obtained from its perusal; but we cannot say that on every point we would be ready to agree with Mr. Milton in his selection of diet and regimen. For example, he says, "there is one article of diet for the little folks, when suffering from bad eczema, syphilis, or severe scabies, which I give to an extent that will probably excite scepticism, when I announce it. I am quite prepared for this, having repeatedly noticed the surprise and incredulity which the statement almost always elicits. However, it is a question of fact, not credibility. The article I allude to is pale brandy, and the amount given is four, five, or even six tablespoonfuls a day to children under a year old." This exordium reminds us of a marvel-mongering friend who generally prefaces his Munchasian stories with—"you will hardly believe what I am going to tell you, but it is a fact." Now, we are not tee-total in our principles or our practice, but we must confess it will need a stronger recommendation than Mr. Milton's to induce us to daily inebriate an eczematous infantile patient with 3 oz. of strong French brandy.

Speaking of the employment of belladonna in and before scarlatina, the author is of opinion that this drug really is beneficial, though perhaps not to the extent claimed for it. For he says, "even supposing this view (that it is as useful against scarlet fever as vaccination against small-pox) to be overdrawn, enough still remains to show that belladonna