

revision is everywhere present. The title page indicates the scope of the work, which is of the most practical character. It will be found especially useful as a work of reference in emergencies.

DISEASES OF THE BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD.
Gowers.

This is the December issue of the enterprising house of Wm. Wood & Co. No better close of a good year's work could have been presented to the readers of the series. Dr. Gowers has treated the subjects of brain and spinal diseases, as might have been expected at his hand, in a masterly way. The portion of the book devoted to the brain consists of eighteen lectures, in which the following subjects are treated of in clear and simple terms,—viz: Medical Anatomy, Symptoms and Diagnosis, each of which has been exhaustively discussed in conformity with the latest experimental and clinical observances.

The part pertaining to the spinal cord covers about one-third of the book. Perhaps the most valuable portion, to the general practitioner, is that relating to the tendon, or as the author prefers to designate the phenomena, muscular reflexes. The instructions here given are highly important, and cannot fail to prove extremely valuable to those who desire a better acquaintance with this means of formulating a reliable diagnosis of lesions of the cord. It is but justice to the author that we should advise the reader to devote more attention to the precious text, than to the illustrative plates; the former is so excellent that it is a pity it has been rather obscured than brightened by futile artistic decoration.

THE SURGICAL DISEASES OF CHILDREN. By Edmund Owen, M.B., F.R.C.S., Member of the Board of Examiners of the Royal College of Surgeons, England. Surgeon to the Hospital for Sick Children. Cassell & Co., London and New York.

This is one of Messrs. Cassell's series of Clinical Manuals, and does credit alike to author and publishers. The book is profusely illustrated and will be found a most useful guide to the diseases on which it treats. The author does not lay claim to having produced an exhaustive treatise, his design being to compose a "complete monograph" alike useful to practitioners and students. In this we may safely say that Mr. Owen has succeeded. The

advice "How to bring up infants" is singularly judicious and free from all attempts to make the infant stomach a sort of experimental ground for the numberless "patent foods" that meet the young and inexperienced mother on every hand. We commend the perusal of Mr. Owen's manual to the junior members of the profession, and we are sure that they will find the book a safe guide to the diseases of those who form a large percentage of the patients attended in the daily routine of practice.

THE YEAR-BOOK OF TREATMENT FOR 1885. A Critical Review for Practitioners of Medicine and Surgery. Philadelphia: Lea Bros. & Co.

The object of this work is to present a review of all the most important advances made in the treatment of disease during the past year. Each department has been dealt with fully and concisely, and the contributors are among the foremost men in the profession. The medical literature of all countries has been laid under contribution.

POST-MORTEM EXAMINATIONS, with Especial Reference to Medico-legal Practice. By Prof. Rudolph Virchow, Berlin. Translated from the Fourth German Edition. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co. Price \$1.00.

We commend this work to the attention of the profession. It would be well if all post-mortems were conducted on the lines laid down in this guide-book.

NOTES ON DISEASES AMONG THE INDIANS FREQUENTING YORK, HUDSON'S BAY. By Percy W. Matthews, M.R.C.S., Eng., M.R.C.P., Lond., LL.D., Medical Officer Hudson's Bay Co., etc. Montreal: Gazette Printing Co.

A TEXT-BOOK OF NURSING FOR THE USE OF TRAINING SCHOOLS, FAMILIES AND PRIVATE STUDENTS. by Clara S. Weeks, New York Training School. D. Appleton & Co.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

On the 28th of February, Dr. G. W. Gunter, of Middleton, N. S., aged 58 years.

On the 15th ult., Dr. John McKelcan, of Hamilton, aged 82 years.

On the 11th ult., Dr. H. T. Gilbert, of Georgetown, N.B., aged 57 years.