

Reference Hand-Book on the Diseases of Children. By DR. FERDINAND FRÜHWALD, Chief of Clinic in the Vienna Polyclinic. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders; Toronto: J. A. Carveth & Co.

This work has been translated and edited, with additions, by Dr. T. S. Westcott, Associate in Diseases of Children in the University of Pennsylvania, so as to make more easily available the results of the great and unusual experience in this department of medicine possessed by Prof. Frühwald. It may be said at the outset that the work is strictly what it is named, a reference hand-book. It is an epitome of present knowledge, not a systematic treatise. Everything has been done (alphabetical arrangement, cross-references, illustrations, etc.) to facilitate rapid reference and practical use. As such it is valuable, but it does not take the place of a standard text-book. One of the most satisfactory articles is that on measles, while, on the contrary, that on hemophilia seems somewhat inadequate.

There are numerous illustrations, some from photographs, others of a diagrammatic character.

On the whole, the book is a useful addition to any medical library.

On Common Ground. By SYDNEY H. PRESTON. New York: Henry Holt & Co. Toronto: The Copp, Clark Co.

If any gentleman wants a book to read on the happy day when he shakes the dust off his feet and departs for the doctor's brief holiday, here it is. Moreover, if any British gentleman (or lady) wants advice as to a Canadian book to buy and read while he sits in a Pullman and goes a few thousand miles over the country, east, west, north, or south, tell him to go into our own Tyrrell's and buy this book. Blessed be the Canadian Humorist! What should we do without him? He sometimes raises his head from the newspaper desk and says things to us, things that delight and sweeten the mind. Humor is a great antiseptic. We are not going to say any more about the book, except that its author lives on his own good little farm within sixteen miles of where the *Canadian Practitioner* is published, and that he was strictly made in Canada. Moreover, he has done what hardly any other novelist has done—he has made his medical local color correct. Listen to this—it is the medical history of Joseph, the "hired man," as given by himself. "It began with water-in-the-eye, of course, and when the doctor examined his eyes he looked exceedingly grave and said it was not