

eases on which a report is required is given, the climatological outline required, the general physical characters of the district, geological formation and soil, dryness and humidity, effects of trees, and ocean currents, general description of climate, drainage, water supply, therapeutic effects of the climate.

In regard to baths, information was asked for as to the advantage of the waters on various pathological conditions, how employed, contra-indications, etc. The book is neatly bound and printed, having a map and numerous tables and charts, and outlines what can be done in this line of investigation, and what should be done in all countries, and especially our own, where there is much to be learned and worthy of careful study.

Handbook of the Diagnosis and Treatment of Skin Diseases. By Arthur Van Harlingen, Ph.B. (Yale), M.D., Emeritus, professor of Dermatology in the Philadelphia Polyclinic, Dermatologist to the Howard Hospital. Third edition enlarged and revised, with sixty illustrations, some in colors. Published by P. Blakiston, Son & Co., 1012 Walnut street, Philadelphia.

The book contains nearly 600 pages, and differs from previous editions in having numerous foot-notes and references, descriptions of some of the rarer skin affections, a number of new illustrations, changes in the text called for by recent additions to our knowledge in the department of Bacteriology, the article on tuberculosis entirely rewritten, and a number of new methods of treatment. The book is intended for the wants of the general practitioner, and is full in diagnosis and treatment. Numerous formulæ are given for the different varieties of skin affections, and minute details given for their management. The author does not touch on the pathological anatomy, and little is said in regard to etiology. The diseases are considered alphabetically, the idea of the book being to serve as a ready reference for diagnosis and treatment to the busy practitioner, and as such it can be highly recommended.

Practical Christian Sociology. By Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts, Ph.D. Funk Wagnalls Company, New York.

This is a book of some five hundred pages, written by one of the leading reformers of the United States, author of "The Temperance Century," "Successful Men of To-day, etc.," Editor of *The Christian Statesman*, and founder of the "National Bureau of Reforms at Washington." The book is a classical representation of what is now accepted by modern reformers as the desirable solution of some two hundred social problems in ethics and society, such as: State and national federation of Church for social reform; the family the sociological unit; divorce; hygienic education for girls; woman suffrage; colleges as centre of reform influence; justice in wages, prices and work; relation of low wages to low morals; government ownership of railroads; municipal reform; laws needed to purifying citizenship, to protect the purity of elections, to guard the purity of public office, referendum, etc. One-half the book is of the nature of a text-book, on these two hundred and more subjects, the other half being an appendix in smaller type, and containing reference notes on the lectures; there is a brief outline and chart of universal history. About one hundred pages on the Chronological data of human progress. A proposed method of celebrating the transition from the nineteenth to the twentieth century. Dr. Carroll and Dr. Wright, both on Divorce. Notes on purity. How workingmen live. The form of ballot for a plebiscite on current reforms is given, and the