

## Books Received for Review.

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*Clinical Electro-Therapeutics, medical and Surgical. A Hand-book for Physicians in the Treatment of Nervous and other Diseases.* By ALLAN McLANE HAMILTON, M. D., Physician in charge of the New York Hospital for Diseases of the Nervous System, Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine, Member of the New York Neurological and County Medical Societies, &c. With numerous illustrations. New York: D, Appleton & Co. 8 vo., pp. 184.

The author tells us that "he endorses Electricity only as a very valuable remedy in certain diseases, not as a specific for all human ills, mental and physical." This statement certainly encourages us to receive the book with all the greater degree of favor, for nowadays the general failing with the supporters of electro-therapeutics has been to claim for electricity the possession of virtues far beyond those ever actually proven to belong to it. The pathology of diseases of the nervous system is confessedly often extremely difficult, and many of these being but little under the control of other remedies, from the commencement of the employment of electricity as a remedial agent, great things have always been looked for from it. Abused as this agent was at first, and as it is even yet by charlatans and imposters, its true and proper place in the practice of the healing art is at last gradually coming to be fairly and definitely settled. Everyone now admits the undoubted efficacy of the employment of this means in a variety of nervous disorders, but from the fact of little being taught about it either theoretically in our medical schools, or practically in our hospitals, manual treatises on the subject for the use of students and junior practitioners are especially valuable. It is divided into four parts, which treat respectively of electro-physics, electro-physiology, electro-thera-