

subject, concisely and clearly written, would be valuable to students and general practitioners. As a consequence we have this book of 460 pages, published by H. K. Lewis, of London, in a very creditable style indeed. The formation of local boards of health in various parts of our Province compels our physicians to study the law of public health, if they be not already inclined to such studies. Most of our text books on the subject are either too voluminous for busy practitioners, or too elementary. Without discussing this work in detail we are of the opinion that it is the best available for the advanced medical student and the general practitioner.

*Synopsis of Human Anatomy.* By Jas. K. Young, M. D. Physicians' and Students' Ready Reference Series. Philadelphia: F. A. Davis, Publisher, 1889.

This volume adds one more to the already long list of cram-compends and time-savers now offered to students. For properly trained physicians such works can have no value. For students' use they may be either helpful or harmful. Which it is that they will prove to be will depend upon the way in which they are used. Being based upon "Grey" and other standard works, the information contained in this particular book is accurate and reliable so far as it goes. But then it only goes far enough to make the book a good set of notes for rapidly reviewing work done in anatomy by dissection, and by the study of more complete systems.

Should a student attempt to get up his anatomy from this book, or from any similar one, the result could only be hurtful and disappointing. As a dissecting room guide, Dr. Young's work is still less to be recommended. Its arrangement being by systems, and not regional, it can in the study of practical anatomy, never enter into competition with the well known "Ellis and Heath," or with other excellent volumes of Cunningham's. The best that can be said of it is that throughout it is one of the best of its kind, that the tables upon surgical anatomy and upon the cranial nerves in the back of the book are admirable, that if used properly it will be a real help in preparing for examination, and that it is well printed and bound, and fairly well illustrated.

*Gynæcological Electro-Therapeutics.* By Horatio R. Bigelow, M.D., Member of the American Medical Association, Fellow of the British Gynæcological Society. With an introduction by Dr. Georges Apostoli. London: H. K. Lewis; 1889.

This book is written by an enthusiast, who has had as good opportunities of studying the methods of Apostoli and others in Gynæcological Electro-Therapeutics as any man living. We have imbibed only a small portion of the enthusiasm of Bigelow, Apostoli, and others, but we cannot close our eyes to the importance of the subject. Even the stony scepticism of the Britishers has been mercilessly shaken, as evidenced by the conversion of Keith, Playfair, and others. Out of the various discussions that have arisen we must learn to attach some virtues to electro-therapeutics. We have in this book an introduction covering thirty pages, written by Dr. Apostoli. In the remaining nine chapters the author describes the fundamental laws, the appliances, and the therapeutics of electricity. He explains the electric treatment in the following conditions: fibroids, hypertrophies, subinvolutions, and displacements of the uterus; inflammations of uterus and appendages; disorders of menstruation; hæmatocele; some hysteroneuroses: stenosis of the cervical canal; erosions of the cervix; and nausea of pregnancy.

*Wood's Medical and Surgical Monographs.*

Consisting of original treatises and of complete reproductions, in English, of Books and Monographs selected from the latest literature of foreign countries, with all illustrations, etc. Vol. iii. No. 2, August, 1889. Wm. Wood & Co., Medical Publishers, 56 and 58 Lafayette Place, New York.

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Contents of the September number: Congestive Neurasthenia and Nerve Depression: by E. G. Whittle, M.D., F.R.C.S., Eng. The Art of Embalming: by B. W. Richardson, M.D., F.R.C.P., London, Eng. This is not only an interesting dissertation on the subject, but in addition, a practical hand-book of the art