

A Manual of Practical Hygiene, by Edmund A. Parkes, M.D., F.R.S. Edited by F. S. B. François De Chaumont, M.D., F.R.S. Sixth edition, with an Appendix, giving the American Practice in Matters Relating to Hygiene, prepared under the supervision of Frederick N. Owen, civil and sanitary Engineer. Volume I. New York: Wm. Wood & Co., 56 and 58 Lafayette Place, 1883.

This constitutes the September number of Wood's Library of Standard Medical Works. It is another evidence of the sound judgment exercised in the choice of the works published in this series. "Parkes' Hygiene" is the standard work upon the subject, and we wonder that it has heretofore escaped the usual fate of the best English works. It loses nothing by its translation, and its division into two volumes is a gain to the reading community. The illustrations are very fair reproductions of the originals. They are possibly not quite so clear, but the difference is not marked. The additions by the American editor do not appear in the first Volume, and it remains to be seen if there is an essentially American practice in matters relating to Hygiene. The contents of Volume I. comprise the discussion of the subjects, water, air, food and soils. We welcome the book to our library table. It is undoubtedly the great standard work on Hygiene in the English language. The subscribers to Wood's Library cannot be sufficiently grateful to the enterprising publishers who have afforded them an opportunity for obtaining this work on such advantageous terms.

The Pathology and Treatment of Venereal Diseases, by Freeman J. Bumstead, M.D., LL.D., and Robert W. Taylor, A.M., M.D. Fifth Edition. Revised and Rewritten, with many additions by Dr. Taylor. With 139 woodcuts, and thirteen chromo-lithographic figures. Philadelphia: Henry C. Lea's Son & Co., 1883.

America lost her pioneer and greatest Syphiligraphist when Dr. Bumstead died. Of him it may be truly said "*Exegi monumentum ære perennius*," and it assumed the form of the work before us—the completest and best text book on the subject in the English language, Dr. Taylor, the present President of the American Dermatological Association, became associated with Dr. Bumstead in the preparation of the Fourth Edition, and on him alone Death

has devolved the duty of issuing the Fifth Edition and keeping its subject-matter *au courant* with the times. The progress of our knowledge has rendered this task no sinecure, but we think he would indeed be a captious critic who was disposed to cavil at the manner of its accomplishment. Apart from the many and valuable contributions of our authors to the elucidation, cure and prevention of the Venereal Diseases, it will be observed with surprise and satisfaction to how great an extent the writings of authors in all languages have been laid under contribution in the compilation of this edition, rendering it the fullest and best exposition of the subject now extant. Our space will permit of nothing more than a general commendation of the great excellence of the work and we shall single out but one therapeutical point for mention, viz.: the author's high laudation of the very notable adjuvant utility of Erythroxylon Coca in the treatment of Syphilis.

Personal.

PROF. ERCOLANI, the Italian scientist, died Nov. 16 1883.

JOHN ELIOT HOWARD, the eminent quinologist, died æt. 76.

DR. W. CUTHBERTSON (Toronto, '83) has located in Whitby.

DR. W. J. ROBINSON (Toronto, '83) is practising at Niagara Falls.

DR. T. S. KIRKBRIDE, æt. 74, the celebrated alienist, died December 16, 1883.

MR. BOWMAN and Mr. Lister are the latest recipients of the honours of Baronetcies.

M. CHARCOT succeeds to the place of Baron Cloquet in the Paris Academy of Science.

M. FAJOT succeeds the late M. Depaul as Professor of Obstetrics of the Paris Faculty.

DR. HOLMES, of Brussels, was elected Treasurer for the County of Huron, January 23rd.

DR. BEAUMONT SMALL has been elected President of the "Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club."

HUGH POWELL, the maker of the first achromatic object-glass in England, is dead, æt. 84.

DR. SEGUIN, of New York, has resumed practice, and the editorship of the *Archives of Medicine*.

DR. ROBERT MURRAY, senior medical officer, succeeds the late Dr. Crane, as Surgeon-General, U. S. A.

DR. WM. H. COGGESHALL has become half owner and Associate Editor of the *Virginia Medical Monthly*.

DR. RODGER, of Montreal, Surgeon-in-Chief of the Grand Trunk Railway, was in Toronto after the recent Humber disaster.

DR. ROSS, Governor of the Quebec College of Physicians and Surgeons, has been called to the Premiership of the Province of Quebec.