

Part II., on Bacteriological Examinations, is the most logical introduction to such technique that we have. One is pleased at once by the absence of useless, obsolete and complicated apparatus and methods. In the division on bacteriological diagnosis there is an accurate account of essential points for recognition of the pathogenic bacteria, while in the division on clinical bacteriology the student will welcome reliable points for the quick identification of the more important forms.

Part III., on Histological Methods: the same careful judgment has guided the arrangement and reasoning, making it one of the shortest, clearest, yet complete outline for such work that could be placed in students' hands.

We are sorry that the authors did not see fit to deal more thoroughly with the division on clinical pathology.

We hope that it will receive the full recognition that it deserves.

THE PRACTITIONER'S HANDBOOK OF TREATMENT, OR THE PRINCIPLES OF THERAPEUTICS. By the late D. Milner Fothergill, M.D., F.R.C.P., physician to the City of London Hospital for diseases of the chest, etc., etc., etc. Fourth edition. Edited and in great part re-written by Wm. Murrell, M.D., F.R.C.P., physician to and lecturer on Pharmacology and Therapeutics at the Westminster Hospital and School. London: The Macmillan Co.; Canadian agents, A. P. Watts & Co., College street, Toronto.

It is rather a curious fact that writers of text-books on therapeutics are nearly all optimists, and we often fail to get the brilliant results from drug medication which they promise us. A few disappointments of this kind are apt to drive us to the opposite extreme, and the tendency to-day is rather toward pessimism. The young graduate is frequently splendidly equipped for making an accurate diagnosis but entirely at sea in interpreting the indications for treatment in the individual case. It is here that Dr. Fothergill's book, revised and brought up to date by Dr. William Murrell, will be found invaluable. Every therapeutic procedure is explained so far as it is possible to do so by reference to its physiological basis as well as the pathological conditions of the organs concerned.

Former editions of the work enjoyed a great popularity, and the advances made since Dr. Fothergill's death in 1888 have necessitated large additions to the text. Dr. Murrell has accomplished the task of revision in a most satisfactory manner, and has wisely preserved the original design of Dr. Fothergill as well as his happy style.

The young physician will find the work especially useful, for it is full of practical hints, which would otherwise be acquired only after years of experience. We know of no work on treatment which will better repay careful study, and we warmly recommend it to the profession.

It is practical books of this kind that should be purchased, read, and digested. It is not the number of volumes but the quality of those.