

of to-day the book will be as much of a favourite, to judge by its extensive sale, as it has been to past generations of students.

**A REFERENCE HAND-BOOK FOR NURSES.** By AMANDA K. BECK. Second edition. Philadelphia and London. W. B. Saunders Company, 1908. Canadian Agents, J. A. Carveth & Co., Limited, Toronto. Price, \$1.25 net.

A sisterhood of nursing has grown up in the world during the present generation, which is better than a "profession." It is a world of its own, and a very interesting one. A woman who is a nurse is different from one who is not, and different from the woman she was before she began to be a nurse. There is a considerable literature growing up in that world,—literature in the sense that it exposes the minds of those who write it, and creates a body of opinion well knit together. For example, this book is dedicated to Miss McIsaac, whose own book is referred to elsewhere in these pages, and both authors offer opinions which must be taken account of.

This growing authority of the nurse is of importance to the medical profession and to the public. Miss Beck's hand-book contains much information skilfully arranged.

**HYGIENE FOR NURSES.** By ISABEL McISAAC. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1908. Price, \$1.25 net.

This book is issued by The Macmillan Company of Canada, which is doing so much to make Canadians familiar with the excellent publications of The Macmillans of London and New York. Miss McIsaac possesses a peculiar fitness for writing a book on nursing. She is a nurse; she has knowledge and sense; and she knows how to write. The book contains sound teaching; it is interesting,—entertaining even.

**DISEASES AND SURGERY OF THE GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM,** by FRANCIS S. WATSON, M.D., Senior Visiting Surgeon to the Boston City Hospital, Lecturer on Genito-Urinary Surgery in the Harvard Medical School, Boston, and JOHN H. CUNNINGHAM, Jr., M.D., Assistant Visiting Surgeon to the Boston City Hospital. Member of the American Association of Genito-Urinary Surgeons. In two octavo volumes containing 1,101 pages, with 454 engravings and 47 full-page coloured plates, mostly from original drawings. \$12.00. Lea & Febiger, Publishers, Philadelphia and New York, 1908.

During the past few years many text-books dealing with genito-urinary matters have appeared from the publishers of both this continent and