

of many parts of the book, and in order to further elucidate the text and its meaning quite a number of illustrations have been added to those already used in the original volume. The author has been especially careful not to in any way repeat himself, relegating each subject to a specific chapter. We noticed, in comparing the two editions, that the chapter on hysterectomy has been rearranged through almost its entirety, and the part of the book dealing with the bladder and ureter considerably changed as well as added to. This book, all the way through, may be said to be a complete presentation of gynecological work as practised by American gynecologists, and without being too lengthy and, consequently, wearisome, it forms a very fine working text-book for the profession in every way. We are pleased to find so much attention given to the question of the after treatment of patients, as too many surgeons exist who are well acquainted with every minutia as to the operation itself, but do not know the all-importance of the successful after treatment of an "operative" case. We have rarely come across any work where the illustrations have been so beautifully executed as to give the reader, the moment he looks at them, the idea desired to be conveyed by the author and thus save going into too much detail in the text itself.

*A Text-book of Materia Medica, Therapeutics and Pharmacology.* By GEO. F. BUTLER, Ph.D., M.D., Professor of Materia Medica and Clinical Medicine in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Medical Department of the University of Illinois; Professor of General Medicine and Diseases of the Digestive System, Chicago Clinical School, etc., etc. Second edition, revised. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders, 925 Walnut Street; Toronto: J. A. Carveth & Co. 1898.

It must be a matter of great satisfaction to any author to find that, ere sufficient time has elapsed to allow of his pen drying from his labors in connection with his first edition, he is called upon, owing to the large sale and favorable reception of his book to write a second and generally more lengthened volume. It is but a very short time since Dr. Butler completed the first edition, and we find that, just as we prognosticated, it has received an exceptionally large sale, and he has been forced to undertake the labor of a second. We find that since the publication of the first edition, pharmacology as a science has made considerable strides, not so much in revealing the action of new remedies as in clearing away the obscurity which had existed as to older ones. Dr. Butler has gone more fully into the action of some of the newer classes of remedies, especially those of antiseptics and antipyretics. He has, in considering cathartics and diuretics, made considerable changes, and also enlarged the chapters on both aconite and strychnine. During the years which have elapsed between the two volumes a good deal of talk has arisen as to nuclein and its therapeutics, as also regarding serum therapy, so that we find considerable space, and, we think, justly so, devoted to those newer methods of treatment. A chapter on "The Untoward Effects of Drugs," has been introduced as a new feature. One of the most interesting—though simplest—parts of the book is that portion at the end devoted to prescriptions. It will repay everyone who wishes to keep in advance of this part of science to purchase the work, as it is full of recent facts on therapeutics presented in a most attractive manner.

*A System of Medicine by Many Writers.* Edited by THOMAS CLIFFORD ALLBUTT, M.A., M.D., LL.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S., F.L.S., F.S.A., Regius Professor of Physic in the University of Cambridge; Fellow of Gonville and Caius College. Vol. IV. London: Macmillan & Co., Limited. New York: Macmillan & Co., 1897. Toronto: A. P. Watts & Co., College Street.

This volume of Allbutt consists of "Diseases of the Liver and other Glands," and "Diseases of the Throat." Under "Diseases of the Liver," the principal and most frequent contributor is Dr. William Hunter, who writes chapters on the