

with well executed pictorial illustrations, will award their admiration to the multitude of plates, no less than 263, which adorn these two volumes.

WORKS OF HIPPOCRATES, translated from the Greek by F. Adams, LL.D., in two volumes. New York: W. Wood & Co.

We welcome the second volume of this most interesting, and may we not add, instructive production? for we venture to believe, and to say, that our ancestors knew more, even of medicine, than their descendants give them credit for. It is now 2247 years since the great physician of *Cos*—we dare not say, *died*—for true greatness and true goodness never die—and as long as medicine continues to be cultivated as a true science and practised as a noble and beneficent art, the name and fame of *Hippocrates* must continue to inspire its votaries. The aged will read his works with that gratification which their veneration of antiquity and their sage experience never fail to evoke; and the young, who are lovers of classic lore, and admirers of brave and deep thinking, will be inspired with an elevating emulation, which, if duly cherished, will raise them above the meretricious devices of modern charlatanism. Surely that was a great country which gave to the world a Homer and a Hippocrates; and great too must have been its people. Great thinkers were they, and great doers also, and much do we owe to them.

OUTLINES OF THE PATHOLOGY AND TREATMENT OF SYPHILIS and Allied Venereal Diseases. By Hermann von Zeissl, M.D. Second Edition. Revised by his son, and translated by Dr. H. Raphael, M.D. Cloth; pp. 402. New York: D. Appleton & Co. 1886. Toronto: Hart & Co.

The author, from the experience afforded by more than 30 years of careful observation and research, has deservedly a high reputation as a syphilographer. His observations have included more than 30,000 cases, treated by him both in private and hospital practice. Much attention is given to the pathology of the diseases dealt with, as the author believes it to be the proper means whereby to understand the diagnosis and treatment of the various venereal affections; but, at the same time, the therapeutics receives sufficient consideration to make the work thoroughly practical. A large number of useful formulæ are in-

troduced, which will prove especially useful to the young practitioner. The translation is exceedingly well done, and we can heartily recommend the book to those wishing a comprehensive view of the latest ideas regarding venereal diseases.

THE PHYSICIANS' HAND-BOOK FOR 1887. By H. & A. D. Elmer, M.D. New York: W. A. Townsend.

This well known hand-book is now in its thirtieth year of publication. While always valuable, it has recently been thoroughly revised, and is now presented to the profession as the most complete ready-reference and diary combined in the market. It contains a fund of useful information in regard to diseases, remedies, doses, poisons and their antidotes, etc., besides a record for daily practice, all within the smallest compass.

SHARPENING HYPODERMIC NEEDLES.—A fruitful cause of abscesses in hypodermic medication is dull and rusty needles. The rust may be avoided by wiping the needles from time to time with rouge or crocus cloth, purchasable from any cutlery or hardware establishment. The finest emery cloth is too coarse for this use. Every physician ought to be able to sharpen his needles himself. The best hone for the purpose is that known as the Hot Springs or Washita razor hone. Thrust the needle with the wire in it, through a bit of soft velvet cork long enough to come within a quarter of an inch of the commencement of the bevel point of the instrument. The cork will serve as a handle for the fingers and at the same time holds the needle stiff and taut. It is also a guide in preserving the proper bevel of the point. A few light rubs upon the hone will put a keen point on the dulllest needle.—*St. Louis Med. and Surg. Jour.*

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### Births, Marriages and Deaths.

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On the 19th ult. Dr. E. A. Nealon, of Campbellford, aged 30 years.

On the 30th of Dec., A. M. Sloan, M.D., son of Dr. W. Sloan, of Blyth, aged 27 years.

On the 26th of Dec., J. M. Drake, M.D., of Abbotsford, Que., aged 59 years.

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