

they are by no means artistic, are fairly plain. The author is professor of pathology and therapeutics and director of the medical clinic at Zurich, which will account for the careful treatment of the pathology of the diseases under consideration, and at the same time for the practical nature of the work in its therapeutic and clinical aspect. There is no padding. The sentences are short and to the point, and we think the work is a valuable addition to Wood's Library for the year.

INSANITY AND ITS TREATMENT. Lectures on the Treatment, Medical and Legal, of Insane Patients. By G. Fielding Blandford, M.D., Oxon. Third Edition. New York: Wm. Wood & Co., 1886. Pp. 379, Cloth.

The author delivered this series of lectures several years ago, since which time they have been twice revised. While the advances and discoveries in the physiology and therapeutics of insanity have not of late years been of much importance, yet as the author says, "time and experience enable us to estimate the value of the knowledge we possess to test our remedies, and modify our treatment." Being in the conversational style of lectures, the matter forms pleasant reading and is easy of assimilation. To the original twenty lectures the publishers have added a monograph on "Types of Insanity," by Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton, illustrated by plates and fac similes of patients' handwriting, etc. We recommend the work to the general practitioner, requiring aid in this difficult subject.

BRIGHT'S DISEASE AND ALLIED AFFECTIONS OF THE KIDNEYS. By Charles W. Purdy, M.D., Queen's University, Professor of Genito-Urinary and Renal Diseases in the Chicago Polyclinic, etc. 8vo., 288 pages, with 18 illustrations. Cloth, \$2. Philadelphia, Lea Brothers & Co., 1876.

Diseases of the Kidney are confessedly very important, and under the nomenclature which has been in use, very difficult of clear comprehension. Dr. Purdy has discarded the anatomical divisions of nephritis heretofore in use, as misleading, a matter upon which we think the reader may congratulate himself. The author deals fully with scarlatinal and puerperal nephritis, and has rendered the dark ways plain; a matter of great importance from a practical standpoint. The author prepared himself for such a work by a

course of special pathological investigation at Aberdeen University, being aided therein by Prof. D. J. Hamilton. The book is excellently printed, and the plates well executed; all except one are original.

YOUNG WIFE—"There's a gentleman in the parlor, dear, who wishes to see you."

He—"Do you know who it is?"

Young Wife—"You must forgive me, my dear, but that cough of yours has worried me of late, and you take such poor care of your health, and— and O, if I were to lose you, my darling!" (Bursts into tears.)

He—"There, there, dear. Your fondness for me has inspired foolish and unnecessary fears. I'm all right; you musn't be alarmed. But I'll see the physician, of course, just to satisfy you. Is it Dr. Pellett?"

Young Wife—"N-no, it is not a doctor; it's a—a—life insurance agent."—*Reconstructives.*

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

On the 2nd ult., Dr. W. H. Blackstock to Annie, youngest daughter of John Keefer, Esq., of Thorold, Ont.

On the 15th ult., H. C. Wilson, M.D., M.P.P. Edmonton, to Emily, eldest daughter of Mr. A. B. Lee, of Toronto.

On the 16th ult., Alexander Davidson, M.D., C.M., M.R.C.S., Eng., of Toronto, to Frances M., second daughter of W. Thorold, St. Williams.

On the 18th ult., J. D. Courtenay, M.B., to Minnie J., eldest daughter of R. B. Morrison, of Morriston, Ont.

On the 20th ult., T. H. Stark, M.D., of Toronto, to Jennie A., eldest daughter of the late G. W. Smith, Ottawa.

On the 17th of August, Dr. C. G. Moore, of London, Ont., aged 70 years.

On the 21st of August, Dr. G. B. Oakes of Digby, N.S., aged 47 years.

On the 17th inst., Dr. George L. Beard, of Woodstock.

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