

Professor Da Costa, in delivering an address before the Medical and Chirurgical State Faculty of Maryland in April, 1896, in speaking of the manner in which medical libraries build up and increase, said that "books attract books, and as a rule any new work in any particular class has a striking family resemblance to those already published." In this work there is much which is not to be found in other works on diseases of this particular organ. The author has gone into methods of diagnosis which are not related elsewhere, so that for that reason, if for no other, Dr. Hommeter's work is ahead of all predecessors. The subject is treated systematically and concisely, first, the special anatomy and physiology of the digestive organs being given, with methods of diagnosis and general therapy, including dietetics, followed by a methodical discussion of the various diseases affecting the stomach. Too many books are published which are written in such a manner as to make the subject anything but interesting, but in this case the author has paid special attention to the manner in which his subject is presented, rendering those chapters, which might otherwise prove dry reading, full of attraction. The contributors to the work have amongst them those who are recognized authorities in their branches, so that medical men may rest assured that in purchasing this book their money is well invested.

*Lectures on "The Action of Medicines,"* being the course of Lectures on "Pharmacology and Therapeutics," delivered at St. Bartholomew's Hospital during the summer session of 1896. by T. LAUBER BRUNTON, M.D., D.Sc. Ed.; LL.D. Aberdeen; F.R.S., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, Associate Fellow of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, etc., etc. London: Macmillan & Co., Limited; New York: The Macmillan Company, 1897. Canadian Agents: A. P. Watts & Co., 10 College Street, Toronto.

This work gives a magnificent general idea of the mode in which drugs act upon the human organism, it having been originally arranged in accordance with the schedule for the examination in Pharmacology instituted by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of London. The first two or three chapters take up such subjects as the application of heat and cold by both dry and moist methods, bleeding, leeching and cancer irritation. The author thereafter goes most lucidly into such subjects as the caustic action of certain drugs, medicines which have actions upon the peristaltic movements of the alimentary canal and secretions of glands connected with it, upon the composition of the blood, on the muscular walls of the heart, medicines which have actions on the processes of inflammation, on absorption, on the secretory action of the kidneys, etc., etc. Each chapter is more interesting than the preceding, and it can be said of this work what cannot be said of very many others, it is so interesting that once taken up by the reader will be seldom laid down until completed.

*A Manual of Pathology.* By JOS. COATS, M.D., Professor of Pathology in the University of Glasgow; Pathologist to the Western Infirmary and the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow. Third edition, revised throughout. 507 illustrations. London and New York: Longmans, Green & Co. 1895.

This edition of Coats' pathology has been thoroughly revised, and to a large extent rewritten. Its having had so extensive a sale is to some extent due to the fact that the author bases it on pathological anatomy,