

of the ear to diseased conditions of the brain and its coverings. This has necessitated the re-writing of the sections on chronic middle ear suppuration, sinus thrombosis, and brain abscess. The descriptions of these operations for the relief of these conditions are very complete, and illustrated by new plates made from the author's own sections. Altogether this edition is a distinct improvement on the last, and will add to the reputation of the author.

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*A Pharmacopeia, or Diseases of the Skin.* Containing concise formulæ for baths, mixtures, ointments, lotions, caustics; rules of diet, classification and therapeutical index. Edited by JAMES STARTIN, Senior Surgeon to the London Skin Hospital, Fitzroy Square. Fifth edition. Bristol: John Wright & Co. London: Simpkin & Co., Limited. 1903.

In this "vest-pocket" edition on skin pharmacopeia, we certainly have knowledge condensed, for within 64 diminutive pages we find numerous useful formulæ. Subjoined to each is a note of the uses to which it is practically applied. Many of them are being constantly used in the London Skin Hospital, Fitzroy Square. A section is devoted to rules on diet, so important in skin troubles. A condensed classification and a therapeutic index conclude what will prove handy to those too busy for deeper research.

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*A Handbook of the Diseases of the Eye and Their Treatment.* By HENRY R. SWANZY, A.M., M.B., F.R.C.S.I. Eighth edition. London: H. K. Lewis. 1903.

This favorite handbook has reached its eighth edition. Its popularity with students, for whom it is chiefly intended, is as great as ever. It is received with growing favor by practitioners who have once perused it, because of its readability, and the soundness of its teaching. The chief additions are descriptions of some rarer affections of the conjunctiva and cornea, and accounts of some lately devised operations, such as Maxwell's operation for shrunken socket. A very interesting paragraph is that on recurrent alviation of the cornea, or traumatic keratalgia.

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WE have to acknowledge the receipt of the Report of the Wellcome Physiological Research Laboratories. It contains some very valuable information about the various serums, their manufacture, standardization, uses and results, and will be found very useful to those interested in the subject. Walter Dowson, A.M., M.D., is the director.

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