

Books and Pamphlets.

HUNTERIAN LECTURES ON TENSION as met with in Surgical Practice, Inflammation of Bone, and in Cranial and Intracranial Injuries. Delivered before the R. C. S. Eng., June, 1888, by Thomas Bryant, F.R.C.S.E. London: J. & A. Churchill; Toronto: Carveth & Co. 1888; pp. 146.

The profession generally is perhaps aware that Mr. Bryant has long held ideas upon inflammation that do not agree with those held by many other observers. However that may be, he has in the present work given a very clear exposition of the subject of tension. To say more of an address delivered to so august and learned a body of men as constitute the Royal College of Surgeons of England, by so learned and practical a man as Mr. Bryant, would be superfluous. The lectures are well printed and should be of great interest to all practising surgeons.

THE LIFE INSURANCE EXAMINER: A Practical Treatise upon Medical Examination for Life Insurance. By Charles F. Stillman, M.D.; pp. 187. Illustrated. 1888. New York: The Spectator Co.; Toronto: Carveth & Co.

The position occupied by Dr. Stillman, as Examiner to the largest and one of the oldest American Life Insurance Companies, should give the book a wide popularity. It embodies the experience of this company during a period of over forty years. There have been also many good points taken from the experience of numerous other companies. The author has spared no pains to make the book what it is intended to be, a complete guide to the medical examiner in giving the home office the information necessary to the acceptance or rejection of a candidate for insurance. We heartily commend it to all medical men who act as Examiners for Life Companies.

A MANUAL OF GENERAL PATHOLOGY: Designed as an Introduction to the Practice of Medicine. By Joseph Frank Payne, M.D., Oxon., F.R.C.P., etc. Profusely illustrated; pp. 522. Philadelphia: Lea Brothers & Co., 1888. Toronto: Vannevar & Co. \$3.50.

The author intends this work as an introduction to general pathology, including general pathological anatomy. It differs from most similar works, in not differentiating strictly between these sub-

jects and special pathology. The amount of pathological histology is small, the author believing that too much attention has been given to forms of cells, etc., and that science will be better served by giving the student a broader conception of the subject. The etiology of disease has been taken up at greater length than is common in most works on the subject, and in this we think a real advance in the teaching power of the book has been made. It is also noticeable, that what may be termed medical pathology, has been discussed at more length than has surgical, because, says the writer, the surgical side has received, in this country perhaps, a disproportionate share of attention. The illustrations are exceedingly good, and many of them original.

BROWN'S MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS—A Manual of Clinical Methods, by J. Graham Brown, M.D., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, Late Senior President of the Royal Medical Society of Edinburgh. Second edition, illustrated. New York: E. B. Treat & Co.; Toronto: Vannevar & Co. 1888. pp. 285; \$2.75.

This last number of Treat's Medical Classics is perhaps the best of the whole series, although other excellent ones have appeared. It will be a boon to both students and practitioners. The work deals with the subjects under discussion in a very clear and complete manner. We heartily commend it to teachers, practitioners and students.

ESSENTIALS OF THE PHYSICAL DIAGNOSIS OF THORACIC DISEASES. By E. Darwin Hudson, Jr., A.M., M.D.; Prof. of General Medicine and Diseases of the Chest in the New York Polyclinic, etc. New York: Styles & Cook; paper, pp. 63.

This work was prepared for the use of the physicians in the class of General Medicine and Diseases of the Chest of the New York Polyclinic. It contains much useful information, well arranged and in a small space.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

On Sunday, Dec. 2nd, 1888, the wife of T. H. Stark, M.D., Toronto, of a daughter.

At Toronto, on Dec 4th, Dr. J. E. Elliott, to Jennie, eldest daughter of Warring Kennedy, Esq., all of Toronto.

At Toronto, on Nov. 28th, Dr. W. A. Young, to Annie Marguerite, only daughter of James Jennings, Esq., all of Toronto.