

looked upon as hopeless are now able to pass a long period in comparative comfort. Dr. Edwards puts some stress upon what he terms "moral medicine," believing it to be a powerful agent in all, but especially so in this disease. By *moral medicine* he means a belief in the existence of an All-wise Creator who ordains everything for the best. A firm faith in this doctrine tranquillizes the mind, and thus favors convalescence. We do not generally believe in patients having in their possession works treating upon the disease they may be suffering from. It does not, as a rule, promote recovery. This little work is, however, an exception, and may with safety, yes, with profit, be placed in the hands of all patients with Albumen Urea. It will calm many of the fears, and give them faith, which will do much to prolong life.

*A Treatise on Diphtheria.* By A. JACOBI, M.D., Clinical Professor of Diseases of Children in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York. William Wood & Co., New York; Montreal, Dawson Brothers.

For twenty years Dr. Jacobi has been a contributor to the literature of Diphtheria and an acknowledged authority upon the subject. His various monographs have always been well received, and we predict the same for his latest effort in the volume before us. We have gone through most of it, and find that not only does Dr. Jacobi ventilate a theory, of his own slashing at the Bacteric School with a will, but that he is particularly profuse in the therapeutical portion. This section of the book is really admirable, and will commend itself to all who read it. We consider it a valuable contribution to the literature of Diphtheria.

*The Practitioner's Reference Book.* By RICHARD J. DUNGLISON, A.M., M.D. Philadelphia, Lindsay & Blakiston; Montreal, Dawson Bros.

Upon a previous occasion, when the first edition appeared, we expressed a very favorable opinion of this work, and a constant use of it has only served to confirm our first impression. The present volume has largely outgrown the previous one, being almost double its size, and yet we do not see anything that could have been omitted. A use of the first edition showed many wants, most of which seem supplied in the present one. Several entirely new chapters have been introduced, among them the following: 1st.

How to write metric prescriptions. 2nd. How to use the hypodermic syringe. 3rd. The galvanic battery in medicine and surgery. 4th. How to use the clinical thermometer. We believe the work to be the most *universally* useful book that has appeared for a long time.

*The Druggist's Hand Book of Private Formulas.*

By JOHN H. NELSON, seventh edition. Cleveland, Ohio, 1881. Price \$3.

This is a volume which contains an immense number of receipts, and it cannot but be exceedingly useful to druggists. The formulas are varied, and embrace many which cannot be found anywhere else. We regret, however, to notice in it recipes for curing Gonorrhœa. They are out of place in such a book, for the practice of medicine is no portion of a druggist's business.

*The Microscopist: a Manual of Microscopy and Compendium of the Microscopic Sciences: Micro-Mineralogy, Micro-Chemistry, Biology, Histology, and Practical Medicine. Fourth Edition, greatly enlarged, with two hundred and fifty-two illustrations.* By J. H. WYTHE, A.M., M.D., Professor of Microscopy and Histology in the Medical College of the Pacific, San Francisco, California. Philadelphia, Lindsay & Blakiston; Montreal, Dawson Brothers.

This book aims to be a compendium of the microscopic sciences; whether it is all that it claims we are unable to say, but that portion devoted to Practical Medicine is most complete, and we should therefore judge favorably of the other portions. The illustrations are very fine, and many of them are colored to the life. No one at all pretending to a scientific knowledge of the medical profession can afford not to be a microscopist, be his ability in that direction great or small. This volume is one that commends itself, therefore, to all in the profession who use the microscope. Price \$5.00.

*"The Trials of Raissa," a Russian Love Story.* By HENRY GREVILLE. T. B. Peterson & Bros., Philadelphia.

This is a story full of fascination and power, the more felicitous and interesting because out of the common track. Henry Greville has written many stories, but none more absorbing and natural than this. The scene is laid in Russia, where Henry Greville is most at home, and the action takes place in St. Petersburg, the country, and Siberia. The descriptions are admirable, and the reader is given