

RHEUMATISM.—*Harc :*

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As we go to press the news has reached us of the death of the eminent scientist, M. Pasteur, at the age of 73 years. We hope to make reference to his life in our next issue.

THE chair of Pathology in the Faculty of the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia is vacant.

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**Books and Pamphlets.**


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MEDICAL GYNÆCOLOGY—A TREATISE ON THE DISEASES OF WOMEN FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE PHYSICIAN. By Alexander J. C. Skene, M.D. New York : D. Appleton & Co. 1895.

It seems eminently proper that one who, like Dr. Skene, has an assured position as a judicious, but bold and successful operator, should have undertaken the production of a work on Medical Gynæcology, for which there has been of late a decided necessity.

A specialty, raised within a few years from not much more than a routine of palliative topical applications to the very first position in the department of surgery, has naturally attracted a very large following. The triumphs of the knife, the scissors and the ligature have given excuse for the warrantless, but spreading belief, that gynæcology belongs to surgery, and has no strictly medical side.

The book under review contains excellent evidence that the very highest rank will yet be taken and held by the physician who will discover the real nature of women's diseases and cure them without operation. It is the first really serious attempt in these latter days, to look at gynæcology from a physician's standpoint and in a systematic manner.

Part I. treats of the essential differences of sex, heredity, environment, and the care necessary to have a healthy passage from girlhood to womanhood. \*

Part II. goes on to the period of active female

life, and deals with the diseases common to that period.

Part III. traces the medical history of woman in her functional and special decadence, while it conveys incidentally a great deal of well-digested information. The chief value of Dr. Skene's book seems, to the reviewer, to lie in the manner in which it opens up lines of thought, and suggests possibilities of helpfulness without operative procedure.

Those books are most valuable which do the most to set men thinking, and assuredly this one before us is of that stamp. It is creditable alike to its scholarly author, its publishers and to American medicine.

A MANUAL OF BANDAGING ; Adapted for Self-Instruction. By C. Henri Leonard, A. M., M.D., Professor of the Medical and Surgical Diseases of Women, and Clinical Gynæcology in the Detroit College of Medicine. Sixth edition, with 130 engravings. Cloth, octavo, 189 pages. Price, \$1.50. Detroit, Mich. : The Illustrated Medical Journal Co., Publishers. Toronto : Carveth & Co.

The main feature for commendation of this book over other similar works is that each illustration shows the direction of the various turns of the bandage with arrow-heads, and each turn is properly numbered ; this renders the book a self-instructor to the reader of it, who has but to put the various bandages about the limbs of an office companion a few times, when the "trick" of its application upon a patient has been learned. It takes the place, in this way, of hospital drill. Besides the "Roller Bandages," the various T's "Cravats," "Slings," "Tailed," "Adhesive" and "Plaster" bandages, and "Immovable Dressings" are given. The book is divided into sections, treating of "The Bandages of the Head," of "The Body," of "The Upper Extremity," of "The Lower Extremity," "Knots," "Strappings," "Compresses" and "Poultices," with full description of making and applying the same. There is an illustration for nearly every bandage described. It has been recommended as a text book in various medical colleges and hospitals in this country, and has had two editions sold abroad. A medical student could profitably spend his vacation evenings in mastering the application of bandages by using this book as a guide ; and to a practitioner it would not come amiss.