

I make herewith the emphatic statement that you had no knowledge whatever of the character of text which accompanied your portrait, and that it was written without any consultation whatever with you. We took the liberty to deal with you as we did with other officers of our association, looking at the matter purely from a society standpoint, with the desire of presenting you to your brethren in the most favorable light.

Yours fraternally,

W. W. BUCHANAN.

No other person can regret so keenly as I do the publication of statements such as those referred to above.

Yours very truly,

B. E. MCKENZIE.

Toronto, May 19th, 1892.

Book Reviews.

A Text-book of the Practice of Medicine, for the use of students and practitioners. By R. C. M. Page, M.D., author of "A Chart of Physical Signs of Diseases of the Chest," etc., Professor of General Medicine and Diseases of the Chest in the New York Policlinic, etc. New York: Wm. Wood & Co., 1892.

As the title and preface of this addition to medical literature indicate, it is a students' manual, 557 pages, with index and blank pages added for memoranda. As a text-book in medicine it seems, for compendiousness and condensation, quite comparable to Walsham's text-book on surgery. The letterpress, binding, and paper are quite up to the publishers' usual good standard, but room has been rather too rigidly economized in the spacing, heading, and paragraphing. Beginners in inductive study need all the education in the line of systematizing their work that can be given by the careful use of bold-faced type or italics in the proper places. There is no attempt at this, and no numbering of heads and sub-heads in discussing the various points of information regarding each disease. In this matter the book seems deficient. The classification of diseases is modern, and the discussion of each brief, especially as regards pathology, fuller as regards treatment than most texts, even prescriptions being given in some cases. In some of these the author betrays rather slipshod Latinity; e.g., "Sig. ʒj ter die before or after meals," a hybrid combination of Latin and English that

is not the best proof of high scholarship. The book has, on the whole, more merit than such compendious treatises usually possess, is modern and scientific in pathology, diagnosis, and treatment, and should be of service to the student, but scarce'y to the practitioner.

A System of Practical Therapeutics. Edited by H. A. Hare, M.D., Prof. of Mat. Medica and Therapeutics in Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, assisted by Walter Christie, M.D., formerly Instructor in Physical Diagnosis in the University of Pennsylvania. Vol. II. Philadelphia: Lea Brothers & Co., 1892.

The second volume of this system of therapeutics proves even more interesting and valuable than the first, dealing, as it does, with the treatment of those diseases most commonly met with in general practice. Syphilis, scarlet fever, typhoid, malaria, diphtheria, asthma, bronchitis, whooping cough, pneumonia, pleurisy, and empyema; diseases of the heart, blood vessels, and blood; diseases of the liver, gall bladder, stomach, are some of the subjects dealt with. The article on "Peritonitis and Appendicitis," by Roswell Park, and that on the "Diseases of the Rectum and Anus," by Charles B. Kelsey, will be found particularly useful.

The Pocket Pharmacy, with therapeutic index. A résumé of the clinical application of remedies, adapted to the pocket case, for the treatment of emergencies and acute diseases. By John Aulde, M.D. New York: D. Appleton & Co., 1892.

The author announces that "this small brochure is in the nature of a plea for small doses, to be administered in accordance with physiological deductions, and is the outgrowth of personal experience in general practice." Dr. Aulde is known chiefly for his roseate advocacy of arsenite of copper in the diarrhoeas of children. May his pocket pharmacy obtain a more enduring fame than his arsenite!

The Medical Annual and Practitioner's Index. A work of reference for medical practitioners. 1892. \$2. Bristol: J. Wright & Co. Toronto: J. A. Carveth & Co., 413 Parliament street.

This excellent annual makes its tenth appearance in a volume of increased size and value. Many physicians feel the need of some