

We have before us a work on local therapeutics showing the actions of drugs in four lines, general surgery, diseases of the skin, diseases of ear and air passages and diseases of the eye. Each department is written by specialists on the subject, and the whole work edited by HARRISON ALLEN, M.D. The idea of the work is new and should be well received. All other works on therapeutics, almost without exception, subordinate the local action of remedies to their general action, and thus give the profession, in searching for some special topic, the trouble of going all through the general work. Here the authors have attempted, and that very successfully, to give us the drugs with only their special actions, making their work a very handy reference for all general practitioners. The Introduction is a short synopsis of local action put generally, showing the different methods of so using remedies. The remainder is after the style of the U. S. P., all drugs being put alphabetically, with their actions in the different departments given under each. As an example, we will take boric acid, which occurs early in the volume. The method of preparation is first given, then the action in general surgery, giving special stress to its action in bruises, phagedæmic ulcers and cystitis, and so on through. The book is published by Blakiston, Son & Co., of Philadelphia, is well printed and splendidly indexed—doubly one of remedies and one of diseases—a great boon to busy men. We would advise medical men to have a look at it.

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*Cholera: Its Causes, Symptoms, Pathology and Treatment.* By ROBERTS BARTHOLOW, M.D., LL.D., Emeritus Professor of Materia Medica, General Therapeutics and Hygiene in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia. In one 12mo. volume of 127 pages, with 9 engravings. Cloth, \$1.25. Philadelphia: Lea Brothers & Co., 1893.

Among the new books of interest brought to our notice this month is one entitled "Cholera," edited by Bartholow, and printed by Lea Bros. & Co., of Philadelphia. The work is a handy little volume of some 125 pages, well put together, which should commend itself to the profession both on account of its style and its matter. The print is clear, easy to read, and put on good paper, an advantage in these days of much literature which should not be overlooked. The author divides his work into

chapters, showing clearly the etiology, the pathology, the symptoms and the treatment, with a short historical sketch of the epidemics to open it. In describing the causes he lays special stress on sanitary conditions as a strong secondary agent, as one of the factors, and proves his position conclusively by quoting numbers of examples of epidemics where the sanitation was simply vile. The conditions in India all along the Ganges, and in Mecca and Media, are strongly brought forth, and leave no doubt on the mind of the reader as to the reason of the almost constant raging of cholera in those districts. In this chapter the few plates he has given us are so excellent they make us wish he had extended his energies more in that direction. The symptoms are put plainly before us by a division into four classes, with an accurate description of each, and the varieties are well defined. In the chapter on treatment he also speaks of prophylaxis, giving us ideas on quarantine and personal hygiene which are very valuable. His opinion on vaccination, according to Haffknecht, is not strong, as the trial of it has not verified anything that is at all certain. In treatment proper great stress is laid on the use of calomel in one or two large doses, followed by continuous small ones while the diarrhoea lasts, although in Russia it is continued all through the disease. A good description of enterocolitis and hypodermatocytosis and methods of using are given. We are sure every medical man who sees the work will be much pleased with it, and get good points when they are needed.

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*Text-Book of Medicine: for Students and Practitioners.* By DR. ADOLF SIRCOMPPELL, Professor and Director of the Medical Clinique at Erlangen. Second American Edition, translated by permission from the second and third, and thoroughly revised from the sixth German Edition, by Herman F. Vickery, A.B., M.D., Instructor in Clinical Medicine, Harvard University, etc., and Philip Coombs Knapp, A.M., M.D., Clinical Instructor in Diseases of the Nervous System, Harvard University, etc., with Editorial Notes by Frederick C. Shattuck, A.M., M.D., Jackson, Professor of Clinical Medicine, Harvard University, etc. Price, \$6. D. Appleton & Co., New York.

This book comes to us in a completely revised form as a harbinger of something refreshing in the