

tioner in general to record and publish his experience with the various drugs which he uses in his practice. "Full many a flower is born to blush unseen and waste its sweetness on the desert air." Many practitioners find out useful therapeutical actions of drugs, and never think what a boon it might be to humanity at large if they would only publish their discoveries in some current medical journal and thereby enrich our knowledge of therapeutics and help their fellow-practitioner at the same time. Dr. Murray is very fair in his opinions as to the action of arsenic in diabetes, chorea and asthma; of belladonna in the removal of renal calculi, of mercury in heart disease, of calomel in large doses, of nitrate of silver in epilepsy, and turpentine in pneumonia. He also writes an interesting chapter on "Our Mistakes." This latter is a subject which we could all very entertainingly write on. I am of the opinion that this style of book if seen more frequently would find a ready welcome in the greater number of instances.

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Essentials of Physiology. Prepared especially for students of medicine. By SIDNEY P. BUDGETT, M.D., Professor of Physiology in the Medical Department of Washington University, St. Louis. Arranged with questions following each chapter. Illustrated. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders & Co., 1901. Cloth, \$1.00 net. Canadian Agents: J. A. Carveth & Co., Toronto.

The main features of physiology are described briefly in this little book. It is not simply a question-compend, but it is a short text-book which deals only with essentials of physiology. A list of questions is introduced at the end of each chapter. These are selected with the view of fixing the leading facts and topics more firmly in the student's mind as he reviews each subject after reading and studying it in the text. The chapter on the nervous system contains several fine illustrations that have been made with care, and are very useful in explaining the text. When properly used along with a more elaborate and complete work, this is a very useful and desirable help for students of physiology.

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A Manual of Minor Surgery and Bandaging. For the use of House Surgeons, Dressers, and Junior Practitioners. By CHRISTOPHER HEATH, F.R.C.S., LL.D., Consulting Surgeon to University College Hospital, and Emeritus Professor of Clinical Surgery in University College, London. Twelfth edition. Revised by BILTON POLLARD, F.R.C.S., Surgeon to University College Hospital, and Teacher of Operative Surgery in University College, London. Published by P. Blakiston's Son & Co., 1012 Walnut Street, Philadelphia. Cloth, \$1.50 net.

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