

Books and Pamphlets.

THE THROAT AND NOSE AND THEIR DISEASES. By Lennox Brown, F.R.C.S.E. Third edition, revised and enlarged. Philadelphia: Lea Bros. & Co. Toronto: Vannevar & Co. 1890.

If asked, "What principles guide you in the selection of medical books for purchase?" how many in our profession could give satisfactory answers? The text-book that has stuck to us from student days, and the subscription work forced upon us by glib-tongued agents, with bound and unbound journals, make up the great bulk of what is to be found upon our library shelves. Do these, in a satisfactory manner, supply the needs of general practitioners called upon to meet and to treat every variety of human ailment? If they do not, what better plan for selection and purchase can be suggested?

Many years ago, the writer made a resolution thereafter to buy only monographs, and by comparison, to find out, before purchasing, what particular one most helpfully and fully presented existing knowledge on its subject.

To Pepper and to Ashurst we are under obligation for our very best collections of monographs, but each of us needs to have at hand a special work, for example, on the eye, the ear, the nose, on operative surgery, on electro-therapeutics, etc. Well and carefully choosing these, a physician can make their cost his very best investment. No one of us can afford to waste time over books that are barred from being helpful by the statute of limitations.

In the work before us, we have an excellent example of just what a monograph should be. Its artist-author, with pencil and pen, has made this third edition practically a new book, and has incorporated in it the results of the best work done in his specialty up to the present year. He is less insular than English writers on medicine are, as a class, and has drawn freely from continental and American sources to perfect his descriptions and methods.

In this, he has not been more than fair, since America is the natural home of nasal catarrh, and in the nasal cavities we now know we have to look for the point of departure of most faucial, pharyn-

geal and laryngeal diseases. A very timely warning is given by the author in regard to the routine, or careless prescription of cocaine preparations for the relief of slight symptoms.

The plates are admirably drawn, and even if, at times, over-colored, are far and away the best help of the kind which we have.

In the illustrations and letter press the book-maker's art is seen to good advantage, while paper and binding are up to the publisher's well-known high standard.

THE SCIENCE AND ART OF OBSTETRICS. By Theophilus Parvin, M.D., LL.D., Professor of Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and Children in Jefferson Medical College, etc. Second edition, revised and enlarged; two hundred and thirty-nine wood cuts, and a colored plate; pp. 704. Philadelphia: Lea Bros. & Co. Toronto: Carveth & Co. 1890.

In this, the second edition of his excellent book, Dr. Parvin has brought the subject of midwifery up to the latest date. All important information to be had on the subject will be found within its pages, well arranged and lucidly put. The book is a useful one, both for students and practitioners, and will, we have no doubt, take its place among the classical literature of the day. The illustrations are of the best, and the letter press everything that could be desired. We can commend the book as one of the best in existence on the subject.

QUIZ-COMPOUNDS, EQUINE ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY. By Wm. R. Ballou, M.D., Professor of Equine Anatomy, New York College of Veterinary Surgeons; Instructor in Genito-Urinary Surgery, New York Polyclinic, etc., etc. Twenty-nine illustrations. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston Son & Co. Toronto: Vannevar & Co. 1890; pp. 205.

A useful little book for veterinary students, and others interested in equine anatomy and physiology. The scope of the book is similar to the others of the series, of which this is No. 12. All important facts are put down in condensed and easily getatable shape.