

Book Reviews.

The Principles which Govern the Treatment of Diseases and Disorders of the Heart. The Lumleian Lectures, Royal College of Physicians, London. By SIR RICHARD DOUGLAS POWELL, BART., M.D. (Lond.), F.R.C.P., Physician in Ordinary to the Queen, etc., etc. London: H. K. Lewis, 136 Gower Street, W.C. 1899. Pp. 116; demy 8vo. Price, 6s.

Even among the multitude of recent works upon the heart, such as those of Balfour, Gibson, and the Broadbents, one finds a welcome and most useful addition to his library in this series of three lectures. They are typically "post-graduate" lectures, dealing in a large and luminous manner with a most important subject, without attention to the minutiae of drugs, dosage, and diagnosis, which would probably have found place in the work of a physician less experienced and less broad in his outlook and grasp of the subject. No practitioner can read this work without going about the hygienic, dietetic, regiminal, and psychical treatment of patients suffering from disorders of the heart with greatly widened notions of his duty towards such cases. The literary quality of the work is what one would expect from its distinguished author. The publisher's work is quite up to its high standard.

David Harum. By EDWARD NOYES WESTCOTT. Illustrated. Cloth, \$1.25; paper, 75 cents. Toronto: William Briggs, Publisher.

A writer in a recent number of a medical journal discusses in a light vein the question of the literature suitable for influenza patients. Zola undiluted, according to this authority, would be likely to aggravate the symptoms in the gastro-intestinal type, and in the catarrhal type the "Sorrows of Satan" must be avoided as tending to stimulate the flow of tears, while "David Copperfield" is said to afford great relief in properly selected cases. Had this writer known of the existence of "David Harum" he would undoubtedly have recommended this work as almost a curative agent in most cases. As a stimulant, in some respects it surpasses "Canadian Club," and is guaranteed to relieve certain nervous symptoms more rapidly than any of the coal tar preparations when judiciously administered. Though published at the Methodist Book Room it cannot be accurately classed as theological literature of an