

contributions has been well done by Mrs. Maude H. Mellish. The contributors number thirty-seven. The topics discussed are varied, but they are all of a practical and useful character. We praise the volume highly, as less would be unjust and more would be useless. There is enjoyment in store for the reader.

VENESECTION.

A Brief Summary of the Practical Value of Venesection in Disease, for Students and Practitioners of Medicine. By Walton Forest Dutton, M.D., Fellow of the American Medical Association, ex-President of Carnegie Academy of Medicine, etc., etc. Illustrated with several text engravings and three full-page plates, one in colors. Philadelphia: F. A. Davis Company, Publishers. English depot, Stanley Phillips, London. 1916. Price, \$2.50.

We have an interesting volume. It goes carefully into the methods of blood-letting. It also deals with local bleeding, such as wet-cupping and scarification. The author points out the diseased conditions for which blood is suitable and has been found to be of value. The book will well repay a careful study. It will be well if its teachings were widely known and followed.

MASSAGE AND EXERCISES.

Practical Massage and Corrective Exercises. By Martwig Nissen, President of the Posse Normal School of Gymnastics, Superintendent of Hospital Clinics in Massage and Medical Gymnastics; for twenty-four years Lecturer and Instructor of Massage and Swedish Gymnastics at Harvard University Summer School, etc., etc. With 68 original illustrations, including several full-page half-tone plates. Philadelphia: F. A. Davis Company, Publishers. English depot, Stanley Phillips, London, 1916. Price, \$1.50.

That massage and corrective exercises have a valuable place in the therapeutics of disease and deformities there is no longer any doubt. In this volume the place of massage and physical exercises are set forth in a most lucid manner. We cordially recommend the book.

MISCELLANEOUS

DISAPPROVES OF "TWILIGHT SLEEP."

Johns Hopkins Hospital has practically set its stamp of disapproval on the Dammerschlaf or "twilight sleep" method for use in child-birth. It abandoned its experiments in use of the method more than nine months