

Book Reviews.

Heart Disease in Children and Youth. By CHARLES W. CHAPMAN, M.D. London, E.C.: Medical Publishing Company, 22½ Bartholomew Close.

This little work is made up mostly of histories of cases treated by the author. The first part consists of general remarks on causation, diet, clothing, exercise, sports and games, and then prognosis. The value of the book is seen when the case histories are read and the comments on each noted. The work is worth reading for these alone. His opinion as to the future outlook in these cases is more favorable than has usually been held.

Fractures. By CARL BECK, M.D., Visiting Surgeon to St. Mark's Hospital and to the New York German Poliklinik; formerly Professor of Surgery New York School of Clinical Medicine; Consulting Surgeon Sheltering Guardian Society, Orphan Asylum, etc. With an Appendix on the Practical Use of the Roentgen Rays. 16 mo., 335 pages, 178 Illustrations. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders & Co. Toronto: J. A. Carveth & Co. 1900. Price, \$3.50.

This book is a useful addition to our literature on the subject of fractures, one of the peculiar features of it being that not only does it give wood cuts showing the position of the fragments as they are supposed to be in the living, or as they have been found in dead limbs, but by the application of the Roentgen rays it supplies skiagraphic illustrations from life of all the principal fractures *seriatim*. And this is really not one of the least useful of the applications of this discovery. Its benefits in treatment are enumerated as follows by the author: To see exact condition and complications of dislocation; intervention of soft tissues, etc.; to verify proper position after dressings are applied: in fitting orthopedic shoes, etc.; in ankylosis; in court; in fracture of pelvis and injuries to vertebrae, sternum, ribs; to hip, knee and other joints, besides some others which do not much impress us with the necessity of the rays. But as we have intimated, their use in depicting fractures to others is well shown in this book. In an appendix "Practical [instruction in the] Use of the Roentgen Rays" is given. Space forbids us to follow the author through the details of treatment; suffice it to say that they may be read with benefit even by the "well posted" surgeon. The author is inclined to be rather conservative in discussing the question of early massage and passive motion, in comparison, for