

in a forenoon do not come within the range of moderate drinking."

Erlenmeyer calls cocaine the third scourge of humanity; alcohol and morphia being the other two.

In Boston they do not say stomach-ache, but gastric neuralgia; but it "gets there all the same."  
—*Life*.

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### Books and Pamphlets.

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GENERAL PARALYSIS OF THE INSANE. By Wm. Julius Mickle, M.D., M.R.C.P., London, Medical Supt. Grove Hall Asylum, London, England. London: H. K. Lewis.

This is a second edition of Dr. Mickle's treatise which was published in 1880. All who know Dr. Mickle will feel assured that the time which has elapsed since the appearance of his first edition has not passed unimproved. Dr. Mickle has always been known, both in his native Canada and since he became a settled resident of England, as an indefatigable and unceasing worker in whatever branch of medical science he was engaged. His career as a student in our University was one of signal honour, and the promise of future distinction then given has been most amply realized. The position held by him in England, as Medical Chief of an asylum for the insane, has presented to him superior opportunities for observing the peculiar malady which he has chosen as a subject of his treatise; and, certainly, every reader of his book will feel convinced that, alike in the department of minute and intelligent clinical observance and anatomo-pathological research, he has well cultivated the advantages so opportunely presented to him. His first edition covered 246 pages; it was the first treatise solely devoted, in England, to general paralysis of the insane. The present edition, which has been "wholly re-written," covers no less than 466 pages, and it contains more than double the quantity of matter of the first.

It might well go without saying that the entire literature of the subject has been explored and judiciously laid under contribution by Dr. Mickle, for it is evident he still continues to "distil the midnight lamp," and his youthful bibliophilism

has but grown with his growth and strengthened with his strength. Most earnest is our hope that the pace has been equal, for no animal machine can be worked with safety beyond its inherent strength, and the aggregate strength of every machine must be measured by that of its weakest part. The science of alienism cannot spare so valuable a worker, but in order that he may work well and long, he must learn to spare himself. England rejoices in his well-earned fame; Canada is proud of it, and humanity and science are grateful for the toil and devotion by which it has been attained. The book should be in the hands of every member of the medical profession. The disease of which it treats is, in all highly-civilized countries, becoming constantly more frequent, and in past years it was the rather unpleasant experience of the writer of these lines, that the diagnosis, at least in the early stage of the affection, was too seldom correctly understood. It is only in this stage that any favorable result from treatment can be expected.

DISEASES OF THE NERVES, MUSCLES AND SKIN, being Vol. III. of Dr. Hermann Eichhorst's Handbook of Practical Medicine, and Vol. X. of Wood's Library of Standard Medical Authors, 1886. New York: W. Wood & Co.

Also Vol. 2nd, by the same author, previously received, on "Diseases of the Digestion, Urinary and Sexual Apparatus."

The courage evinced by the enterprising house of Wm. Wood & Co., in issuing so comprehensive a series of volumes (no less than 12), from the pen of a foreign Professor, is deserving of applause, considering the fact that the field is already so densely filled with able, and we had almost hoped, exhaustive works on practical medicine. In truth these treatises now come so closely on each other's heels, as hardly to leave the reader time to bid good bye to one before a successor claims his attention; but in a country so fond of new things as the United States of America, there is always room, and some to spare, for more; and it is pleasant to see the Swiss republican so friendly taken by the hand by his trans-Atlantic brothers. The reader who desires to acquire a knowledge of the latest achievements in the science and practice of medicine, will find in Professor Eichhorst's volumes an abundant supply; and all who are pleased