

Walsh's Physicians' Handy Ledger. Published by Ralph Walsh, M.D., 332 C Street, North-west, Washington, D.C.

We are in receipt of a copy of this ingeniously conceived and well-executed physicians' ledger, and are certainly disposed to recommend it warmly to all in the profession, who, like ourselves, hate the drudgery of book-keeping. It is issued in either 600 or 1,200 pages, each page sufficing to record a daily attendance on any patient for a full year. Each page contains a blank for patient's name and address; then down the left hand of the page are printed, each on a line below its predecessor, the names of the months; across the page are ruled vertical lines for the days of the month, so that a sign, in its proper square, will suffice to indicate a visit in any day in the year. On the right hand side of the page are ruled three vertical columns, debit, credit, and date of payment, the monthly lines being continued across them. Below are lines for obstetrical, surgical, and miscellaneous annotations, which are also prolonged across the debit and credit columns, thus enabling the whole year's work in connection with any patient to be seen at a glance. An annex index is bound in. The price, post-paid, 600 patients, is \$3.00; 1,200 patients, \$5.00. Walsh's Retrospect, an excellent quarterly summary of Practical American Medicine and Surgery, Walsh's Call Book or Visiting List, and the Handy Ledger will be furnished for \$6.00.—*Verbum sap. sat.*

Photographic Illustrations of Cutaneous Syphilis. By G. H. Fox, A.M., M.D., Clin. Lect. on Dis. of Skin, Coll. Phys. and Surgns., New York. Forty-eight Plates from Life, coloured by hand. Nos. 10, 11, and 12. New York: E. B. Treat, 757 Broadway.

The present numbers conclude the series of this highly excellent atlas, in notices of which the vocabulary of encomiums of the medical press has been well-nigh exhausted. The series was undertaken in continuation of the author's "Photographic Illustrations of Skin Diseases," and its appearance has but served to enhance the reputation of both author and artist, of whose first production one of the foremost American dermatologists has said,

"They are, without exception, the most lifelike representations I have ever seen." The present numbers depict with vivid accuracy and great artistic skill 6 cases of syphiloderma ulcerativum, 1 chancre, 1 chancroid, 1 periadenitis, 1 condylomata lata (and for contrast, 1 condylomata acuminata nonsyphilitica), 4 syphilis hereditaria, and 4 dactylitis syphilitica. Where all are so good it seems invidious to make a distinction, but if we were called upon to choose between the present plates we think that the representations of the hereditary affections would be placed *prince inter pares*. The colouring has been done by J. Gärtner, M.D., a skilful artist and former pupil of Hebra. As marvels of artistic execution they must prove an acquisition to the library shelves or table; and as lifelike representations of affections which everybody meets with, but does not recognize they cannot fail to be helpful to the physician in the hour of harassing perplexity and vexatious doubt. As a good wine needs no bush, so Fox's letterpress needs no commendation.

Second Annual Report of the State Board of Health, Lunacy, and Charity of Massachusetts, 1880. Supplement containing the Report and Papers on Public Health.

We have much pleasure in being again reminded by the appearance of this report of the good work being done in the cause of health by the Government of Massachusetts; a striking contrast to the inaction of our own Government, and one which we should all deplore as it affects, and reflects upon, our country.

Year after year the Government of Mass., through this Board, causes an investigation to be made of the natural drainage of various districts, the condition of rivers and streams, how their water supply and drainage influence each other; then the factories, schools, sewerage, and a host of other matters of vital importance come in for attention.

This report contains an able review of the *pros* and *cons* of the two systems, of having storm water, and house sewerage, occupying the same or separate sewers. The conclusion is in favour of the former as a general rule. Memphis has recently adopted the latter plan.

It seems that a few years ago, "a surprising