

Books and Pamphlets.

PATHOLOGY AND TREATMENT OF GONORRHEA AND SPERMATORRHEA. By J. L. Milton, Senior Surgeon to St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, London. Octavo, 484 pages. Illustrated. Price, bound in extra muslin, \$4.00. New York: William Wood & Company. Toronto: Carveth & Co.

This work is intended for the practitioner and not for the college student, as it takes for granted an acquaintance with the elements of the subject.

Some of the statements contained in it are pretty sweeping, and will be read with some surprise by the majority of medical men. As an example, we may quote the following: "In men who have reached the age of three or four-and-twenty, anything beyond one (nocturnal) emission a month, requires attention." Besides the pathology and treatment of Gonorrhoea and Spermatorrhea he includes, in the present work, chapters on the pathology and treatment of Impotence. He is somewhat iconoclastic, but gives as his reason the fact that most of the remedies vaunted as curative in Gonorrhoea Spermatorrhea and Impotence have not fulfilled the expectations which the first accounts of them were calculated to raise.

He says, "Nothing has been recommended by myself in this work but what has stood the brunt, not merely of experience, for that I rate rather low, but that of special observation."

The book is, we believe, invaluable as a consultation book, filled with sound doctrines, and what is of more importance to the busy, general practitioner, practical and concise directions as to treatment. The publishers have done their part of the work well.

A MANUAL OF THE PHYSICAL DIAGNOSIS OF THORACIC DISEASES. By E. Darwin Hudson, jr., A.M., M.D., Professor of General Medicine and Diseases of the Chest, in the New York Poly-clinic, etc.

This is a well printed book of 150 pages, on good paper, from the press of W. Wood & Co. In consequence of the sudden death of the author, "just after the manuscript had been placed in the printers' hands," the correction of the proof sheets devolved on his friend Lawrence Johnson, M.D. The work will most probably be more highly valued by the teachers of clinical medicine than by the students, though to both it will not fail to prove highly serviceable. Chapter VI, which is devoted to a synoptical exposition of the diseases

of the lungs, will be studied with profit by both classes of readers. The author has here given, in a condensed and clear form, everything of importance in the "definition, pathology, causes, symptoms, physical signs, diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment," of the most important affections of the lungs, sixteen in number. The like, if not more and better, may be said of his synopsis of diseases of the heart. The illustrating engravings, numbering 93, will be more easily understood by the teacher than by his pupils. In truth they present sorrowful evidence of the consequences of the untimely removal of the author from earthly labour; but the student who has become well grounded in his anatomy, will be quite able to overlook those deficiencies and obscurities which must be presented to the beginner, or to the idle and careless, who are always promising to *begin* to study earnestly, but too seldom reach this herculean achievement. No book, however excellent its merits, can ever benefit this class of illusionists.

LESSONS ON GYNECOLOGY. By William Goodell, A.M., M.D., Prof. of Clinical Gynecology in the University of Pennsylvania, etc. Third edition, revised and enlarged. Illustrated. Philadelphia: D. G. Brinton. 1887. Toronto: Hart & Co.

The new edition of Goodell's popular work shows careful revision. It is not a complete treatise on the diseases of women, but consists mainly of clinical and didactic lectures delivered to students at the University of Pennsylvania, and possesses the advantages and disadvantages of matter from such a source. Suffice it to say, that the work is practical, without much padding, and that the author goes straight to the point. The book is a very useful one both to the student and practitioner.

MESSAGE, PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF REMEDIAL TREATMENT BY IMPARTED MOTION. By Geo. H. Taylor, M.D. New York: John B. Alden. 1887.

This little book of 173 pages, will be useful as a guide to those ignorant of massage in the treatment of chronic disease. It is written for the general public, but will be found interesting and instructive to the general practitioner.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

On the 19th Oct., Dr. T. H. Robinson, of Kleinburg, to Annie C. Hill, of Toronto.

On the 24th Oct., Dr. J. F. Bell, of Toronto, to Jessie Brown, of Eglinton.