

garding its prevention ably explained, as well as stress laid upon some older and very practical points which in this age of fine theory might be passed by or forgotten.

The chapter on inflammation of the breast, and allied diseases connected with childbirth, is worth the whole price of the volume. It is practical, and so far as our judgment goes, complete. Indeed one might so speak of each succeeding chapter of this very estimable work which we apprehend when completed, will be one of the most classical works on obstetrics to be found in any language.

A TREATISE ON SURGERY, its Principles and Practice, by T. Holmes, M.A., Cantab, Consulting Surgeon to St. George's Hospital, Associate Member of the Chirurgical Society of Paris. With 428 illustrations. Fifth edition. Edited by T. Pickering Pick, Surgeon to and Lecturer in Surgery at St. George's Hospital, etc. Philadelphia: Lea Brothers & Co. Toronto: Carveth & Co.

The present edition of the above popular work is considerably enlarged and is certainly brought up by its able editor to the standard of the present knowledge of surgery. The section on Diseases of the Eye has been wisely, we think omitted. The reasons for such omission, in the present stage of ophthalmic surgery are obvious. Considerable changes have been made in the discussion of inflammation; wounds and their treatment; tumors; diseases of bones and joints; abdominal surgery and intestinal obstruction, and diseases of the breast. Another especial feature of the new edition is the discussion of operative treatment in reference to cerebral localization. The general plan and character of the work leave nothing to be desired, and the student will find all important matters pertaining to the subject of surgery, concisely yet plainly put.

A GUIDE TO MATERIA MEDICA AND THERAPEUTICS, by Robert Farquharson, M.D., Edin., F.R.C.P., Lond., LL.D. Aber. Lecturer on Materia Medica at St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, etc. Fourth American, from the fourth English edition, by Frank Woodbury, A.M., M.D., Professor of Materia Medica, Therapeutics and of Clinical Medicine in the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia, etc. Philadelphia: Lea Brothers & Co. Toronto: Carveth & Co. 1889.

The size of this always popular book has been

increased by about sixty pages. The principal changes made have been in leaving out certain remedial agents which have become obsolete, and in adding a large number of others which are now looked upon as reliable and lasting. The list of omissions might, we think, have been made larger without lessening the value of the book; but the author is hampered, as is every lecturer on the subject, by the retention in the B. P. of scores of useless articles which are never prescribed by scientific physicians, but which are solely and truly a burden to the student. The form of the work is retained, the physiological and therapeutical actions of the chief drugs being placed side by side. It will be found a handy book of reference in therapeutics and materia medica, both to the busy practitioner and to the medical student.

DISEASES AND INJURIES OF THE EAR; Their Prevention and Cure, by Charles Henry Burnett, A.M., M.D., Aural Surgeon to the Presbyterian Hospital; one of the Consulting Aurists to the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, etc., etc. J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia and London. Price \$1.

In this little treatise the author aims at presenting the subject of Diseases of the Ear "in a form free from technical terms," and we think he has eminently succeeded. In no subject in medicine is prevention simpler and more important than in diseases of the ear, to recognize the early symptoms is often to save a life. We think this work of Dr. Burnett is one which will give valuable information in its department, and as a plain and practical treatise on Diseases of the Ear, we can highly recommend it to both physician and layman.

EXPLORATION OF THE CHEST IN HEALTH AND DISEASE, by Stephen Smith Burt, M.D., Professor of Clinical Medicine and Physical Diagnosis in the New York Post-Graduate Medical School, and Hospital Physician to the Out-door Department, Bellevue Hospital. D. Appleton & Co., New York.

This is a practical treatise of 206 pages, abundantly illustrated. It deals in a ready way of the ordinary methods of physical examination of the thoracic viscera. Its rules are simple, easily applied, and it will prove a valuable little work to students in acquiring a practical knowledge of that all-important subject.