

Book Reviews.

The Medical Digest, or Busy Practitioner's Vade-Mecum. Appendix, years 1891 to March, 1899. By RICHARD NEALE, M.D. London: John Bale, Sons, and Danielson. Price, 15s. 6d.

Most medical men are familiar with "Neale's Medical Digest." By the aid of "The Digest" and "The Appendix," a subject can be studied in a very thorough manner. This presupposes access to the journals referred to. With a good library and "The Digest," work becomes easy and a pleasure.

Therapeutic Electricity and Practical Muscle Testing. By W. S. HEDLEY, M.D., M.R.C.S. Eng. In charge of the Electro-therapeutic Department of the London Hospital. London: J. A. Churchill, 7 Great Marlborough Street. 1899: Price, 8s. 6d.

After having read or examined many books upon the subject of electricity, this work may be pronounced one of the very best because it is alike scientific and practical, while it is not too large.

The first section of the work is devoted to a careful study of the subject, Electricity; the second section deals with the appliances required and the human body as influenced by electric currents; and the third section treats of the application of electricity to the treatment of diseases. If any physician purposes making use of electro-therapeutics, a work such as Dr. Hedley's is a necessity. It makes clear what instruments he should procure, and then explains fully how they should be employed. The book is well printed, and the paper is of the best, richly illustrated and substantially bound. It can be confidently recommended as in every way up-to-date.

Letter-, Word-, and Mind- Blindness. By JAMES HINSHELWOOD, M.A., M.D., F.F.P.S., Surgeon to the Glasgow Eye Infirmary. London: H. K. Lewis, 136 Gower St. 1900.

We have here, in the short space of eighty-eight pages, a most erudite study of the whole subject of visual memory, letter-, word- and mind- blindness, peculiar forms of word-blindness, partial word-blindness with dyslexia, word- without letter-blindness, and letter- without word- blindness. The little volume works out the proof that the visual act is the combined result of the harmonious activity of the eye and the brain.