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*Hydriodic Acid, and Dr. Churchill's Method of Treating Phthisis by Hypophosphates.* Pamphlet by Robt. W. Gardner, Pharmaceutical Chemist, 153 William St., New York.

*Weekly Meteorological and Health Reports for the State of Michigan, and Monthly Mortuary Statistics for the City of Lansing,* by H. B. Baker, M.D., Secretary State Board of Health.

*Our Water Supply. Suggestions as to the Water we Drink, and Where to Get it From.* (Read before the Manitoba Historical and Scientific Society, Winnipeg, by Dr. Agnew, 1884.)

*Hysterical Convulsions (Reflex), Perineorrhaphy and Trachelorrhaphy.* Report of Case, Recovery, by Thos. H. Hawkins, M.D., Denver. (Reprint from the *Denver Medical Times*.)

*Health and Home.* A Journal of Sanitary Science and Home Hygiene and the Official Organ of the Canadian Sanitary Association. Vol. I., No. I. Fred. N. Boxer, Civil and Sanitary Engineer, Manager and Editor, Montreal.

*A Treatise on Pharmacy,* designed as a Text-book for the Student and as a Guide for the Physician and Pharmacist, by Edward Parrish. Fifth edition, enlarged and thoroughly revised by Thos. S. Wiegand. Philadelphia: Henry C. Lea's Son & Co., 1884.

This old and valuable work in its fifth edition, is fully brought up to date. Its many excellencies are undiminished. The preparations of the New U.S. Pharmacopœia have been introduced, and the chemistry made to conform with the requirements of the chemical science of to-day. We cordially recommend the book to those who may require to compound or manufacture, or dispense their medicines, feeling sure, from a lively recollection of the comfort and assistance personally received from an older edition, that the present work will render those in need of it a similar amount of satisfaction.

*A Manual of Obstetrics,* by A. F. A. King, M.D. Second Edition. Phil.: Henry C. Lea's Son & Co., 1884.

A convenient little book, going over the

outlines of Obstetric Science in a sketchy manner, confessedly a compilation, but nevertheless, a good one. The author never uses chloroform in obstetric practice, preferring the safer agents, ether and chloral. Of chloral, he leaves one to infer only, that it does not succeed sometimes in accomplishing the end aimed at. In our experience it has frequently been of no apparent service. He regards Puerperal Fever as Septic Fever, which may be auto- or heterogenetic. The concluding chapter takes up and gives a good resumé of the Jurisprudence of Midwifery.

For those who have an unfortunate predilection for small manuals we can recommend this work as being more than usually free from the ordinary drawbacks of that class of books.

*The International Encyclopædia of Surgery.* Edited by John Ashhurst, jr., M.D. In six volumes. Volume IV. New York: Wm. Wood & Co.

Of the seven contributors to this volume, three are English, three American, and one Canadian. The first article, on Fractures, by Dr. John H. Packard, of Philadelphia, is very complete in every respect. Mr. Barwell, of Charing-Cross Hospital, London, writes the second article on Diseases of the Joints. This surgeon is so well known, even in this country, in connection with this subject, that a valuable treatise would naturally be expected. Such expectations will certainly be realized in its perusal. Dr. Ashhurst's article on Excisions and Resections is perhaps rather brief, but is certainly a most excellent one. The directions given in the different operations are very plain, while concise, and are well illustrated. Dr. Fenwick, of Montreal, in his article on Excision of the Knee Joint, describes his own method of performing that operation.

Mr. Butlin, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, writes on Tumours; Mr. Treves, of the London Hospital, on Malformations and Diseases of the Spine; and Dr. Liddell, of Bellevue Hospital, New York, on Injuries of the Back, including those of the Spinal Column, Spinal Membranes, and Spinal Cord. We are pleased to be able to say that these articles admit of no adverse criticism.

*A Manual of Practical Hygiene,* by Edmund A. Parkes, M.D., F.R.S. Edited by F.