

Book Reviews.

THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF MEDICINE. Designed for the use of practitioners and students of medicine. By WM. OSLER, M. D., F. R. S., F. R. C. P., Lond., Professor of Medicine in the Johns Hopkins University, etc., etc. Fourth Edition. Published by D. Appleton & Co., New York.

"Osler's Practice" has for some years been, without doubt, the favorite text-book in medicine. In 1892 the first edition was placed upon the market, and immediately the success of the work was established. A second and third edition followed in rapid succession, and now, only nine years after the appearance of the first edition, the fourth edition is upon sale. This is quite sufficient testimony to the value of the work.

The new edition shews several changes. None of the advances which were made in medicine since the appearance of the third edition have been passed unnoticed, and in consequence of our newer knowledge, some of the chapters have been almost entirely rewritten. Several new chapters have been added to the work, dealing with subjects which either escaped attention or were not treated in detail in previous editions. In fact, such an amount of new material has been incorporated in the work that the present edition contains a hundred pages more than the first edition.

Of particular interest is the inclusion, in many chapters, of the experience of the author's clinic. This is a feature of the work which, while not entirely novel, is made so prominent as to be almost distinctive.

The re-arrangement and extension of the section on diseases of the nervous system makes this part of the volume very valuable. In the revision of this section, much new matter has been introduced and the presentation of the whole subject of nervous diseases is now thoroughly up-to-date.

Osler's work is so well known that it scarcely requires any word of commendation from us; for all know it, and all require it. There is just this to be said, however: while the previous editions were excellent, the fourth is even better, and no practitioner can afford to be without it.

A PRACTICAL TREATISE ON DISEASES OF THE SKIN. By John V. Shoemaker, M. D., L. L. D., Professor of Skin and Venereal Diseases in the Medico-Chirurgical College and Hospital of Philadelphia, etc. Fourth edition, revised and enlarged, with chromogravure plates and other illustrations. Published by D. Appleton & Company, New York, 1901.

The first edition of this work was published in the year 1888, and before us now we have the fourth edition, revised and enlarged. Part I is taken up with "General Considerations," which occupies some 120 pages. In this department is given a clear description of the anatomy and physiology of the skin and a general idea of the symptomatology, diagnosis, pathology, etiology