

Book Reviews.

MEDICAL NURSING. By the late James Anderson, M.D., F.R.C.P., edited by Ethel F. Lamport, Associate of the Sanitary Institute and the British Institute of Public Health, etc. London : H. K. Lewis, 136 Gower street, W. C. 1894.

"Medical Nursing" is a readable little book of nearly two hundred pages. It is modern in adaptation, and should be largely read by hospital and asylum nurses ; and is also sufficiently elementary to be of value for home study for every educated mother of a family.

The physiology of common life is here dealt with in its relation to hygiene and care of the sick. The feeding of the patient and the management of disorders of digestion, circulation, respiration, and of the nervous system are important features. There is also a chapter on the significance of temperature, and another on infection and fevers.

NOTES ON THE NEWER REMEDIES, their therapeutic applications and modes of administration. By David Cerna, M.D., Ph.D.; Demonstrator of Physiology and Lecturer on the History of Medicine in the Medical Department of the University of Texas ; formerly Demonstrator of, and Lecturer on, Experimental Therapeutics in the University of Pennsylvania, etc. Second edition, enlarged and revised. Philadelphia : W. B. Saunders, 925 Walnut street, 1895.

In these days, when so many new remedies are discovered, the busy practitioner feels the need of a work of this kind. The list of drugs, mostly unofficial, is fairly complete, but we do not understand why the author has omitted a description of such substances as zinc sulfo-carbolate and strontium iodide. We were also a little surprised at finding in the list nitroglycerine, resorcin, acetanilide, etc., remedies which have been used by the profession generally for the last decade, and all fully described in all the more recent works on therapeutics. A few mistakes in dosage have crept into the work. We might instance the case of creasote-carbonate, where the daily dose given is seven and a half to fifteen drachms, evidently a typographical error. However, the book, taken as a whole, is a good one, and should be well received by the profession. The remedies are conveniently arranged alphabetically, and each drug is very shortly described as to its chemical and physical properties, physiological action, therapeutic application, and modes of administration. Where known, the structural formulæ of the compounds are correctly given. The work concludes with a very useful index of diseases, where the remedies described in the work are classified as to their therapeutic application in different diseases.