

ious processes. In the previous editions the details of many of the processes were too meagre to be of value to the unlearned. So elementary a procedure as Gram's method of decolorization was quite unintelligible in the previous editions. The sections upon the bacillus of the bubonic plague, the bacillus of influenza, and the gonococcus are particularly good, especially the first. The staining of flagella still remains the tedious business it always was. The use of "night blue" finds more favour in many hands. The chapter upon the bacteriologic examination of water is admirable, and well defines the difficulties and limitations of this source of information. It conveys the useful lesson that bacteriology is not a thing that can be done in a corner, and that it is not the easy thing inexact writers and ready talkers who are inexpert would appear to believe.

Dr. Abbott's book has always conveyed the impression that it was the actual result of the experience of a worker highly trained in respect of his mind and his hands—a scientist with skill and ingenuity in his calling. He has also a consoling way in speaking of the difficulties and exasperations which every worker has continually to encounter.

The authors and publishers, Lea Brothers & Company, have entirely rid the book of meaningless photogravures, and have used instead drawings which are often dainty.

The Medical News Visiting List for 1898. Weekly (dated, for 30 patients); Monthly (undated, for 120 patients per month); Perpetual (undated, for 30 patients weekly per year); and Perpetual (undated, for 60 patients weekly per year). The first three styles contain 32 pages of data and 160 pages of blanks. The 60-patient Perpetual consists of 256 pages of blanks. Each style in one wallet-shaped book, with pocket, pencil and rubber. Seal Grain Leather, \$1.25. Thumb-letter Index, 25c extra. Philadelphia and New York: Lea Brothers & Co.

This is a compact visiting list, well printed on good paper. The first 32 pages are replete with medical facts under the headings, doses, poisons and antidotes, and therapeutic reminders. These are invaluable to the fatigued practitioner in a moment of doubt. Other items are, analysis of urine, ligation of arteries, tables, etc.

The system of book-keeping entailed in the visiting list proper is very simple, compact and complete. Convenient record charts for Vaccination, Confinements, Fevers, etc., are found towards the back.

As a whole it is the most complete compact visiting list possible.

Spinal Caries. (Spondylitis or Potts' Disease of the Spinal Column.) By Noble Smith, F.R.C.S. Ed., L.R.C.P. London.

The second edition of this valuable book is published by Smith, Elder & Co., London, and differs from the first edition in the correction of some errors, the description of a new form of