

and ugly word "calormetation" which pervades the book. The coining of new words must not be encouraged.

### A Student's Text-Book of the Practice of Medicine.

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The author states in his preface that he has attempted to produce a very concise book of modern medicine which may, he hopes, prove useful to those who are beginning the practice of medicine, to those who are preparing for examination, and to practitioners who have no time or inclination to peruse treatises. We specially recommend the work to the first class of readers. A student in his third year, who is just beginning his study of the final subjects, will find Dr. Money's book of great value. It is concise, fairly comprehensive, very readable, and, if it be well studied during the first year of hospital attendance, the knowledge thus gained will prove a great assistance to the reading of more extensive treatises. Let the student thoroughly master such a book as this before attempting the larger text-books such as those of Bristowe or Flint. To the candidate for final examinations such a book as this is not sufficient, and we say this because we doubt if examiners would accept as answers some of the statements to be found here. For example, suppose that a candidate were asked the treatment of Graves' disease, he would, armed with the knowledge gained in Dr. Angel Money's book, make answer: "The best treatment is perfect rest and plenty of belladonna." And all other treatment is disposed of in six lines. "Plenty" of belladonna is a somewhat vague quantity. And so, again, in the treatment of gallstones. "A mixture of sulphuric ether (twenty minims) and spirits of turpentine (five minims) in the compound almond mixture, three times a day, is very nasty and not at all efficacious." Students preparing for examinations can surely dispense with the knowledge of formulæ both nasty and ineffective. Why mention it at all? In fact throughout the whole work the sections on treatment are very carelessly written. The few pages on prescription writing will, however, be found very useful.

We cannot help noticing one or two points which show a