

Book Reviews.

LECTURES ON THE ACTION OF MEDICINES, being the course of lectures on Pharmacology and Therapeutics delivered at St Bartholomew's Hospital during the summer session of 1896. By T. Lauder Brunton, M.D., D.Sc. (Edin.), LL.D. (A:n.) (Aberd.), F.R.S., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, etc., etc. London: Macmillan & Co., Limited. Canadian agents.—A. P. Watts & Co., College street, Toronto.

In this day of the multiplication of medical works without reason, other than the personal advertisement of authors, it is a pleasure to pick up a work of the real worth of the one under consideration. The subject of Pharmacology and Therapeutics is altogether too much neglected by the practising physician, and the thorough works are too few. This is a subject that must be handled by a master to stamp it with authority. No mere tyro could compile such a work as this. The practical value is beyond computation.

It is impossible to review this volume as most works are reviewed, simply because the contents are the result of practical work, and based on scientific physiological and pharmacological knowledge.

The present volume and that of Fothergill & Murrell should be read by every practising physician. Therapeutics is the neglected subject to-day, but such works as these should make a change for better treatment, and after all what do patients require but scientific treatment? Study your cases and treat them, do not theorize, be practical and this is the work to help you.

We have to find fault with the binding and uncut leaves, but no one will begin this volume without cutting every leaf, while many another work would be discarded after cutting the first chapter.

A CLINICAL TEXT-BOOK OF SURGICAL DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT. By J. W. Macdonald, M.D., graduate in medicine of the University of Edinburgh; licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh; professor of the practice of surgery and of clinical surgery in Hamline University, Minneapolis, etc. One volume of 781 pages, with 328 illustrations. Price, cloth, \$5 net; half morocco, \$6.50. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders, 925 Walnut street, 1898. Toronto: J. A. Carveth & Co., Canadian agents.

Still another book on surgery! Although the field in surgery would seem to be sufficiently well covered by such excellent works as those of Erichsen, Treves, Grieg Smith, Jacobson, etc., the author thinks there