

Human Physiology. Prepared with Special Reference to Students of Medicine. By JOSEPH HOWARD RAYMOND, A.M., M.D., Professor of Physiology and Hygiene in the Long Island Hospital, and Director of Physiology in Hoagland Laboratory, New York City. Second edition, entirely rewritten and greatly enlarged. Handsome octavo volume of 668 pages, 443 illustrations, 12 of them in colors, and 4 full-page lithographic plates. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders & Company. 1901. Cloth, \$3.50 net. Canadian Agents: J. A. Carveth & Co., Toronto.

In many branches of medical study, there is almost a surplus of literature. In fact, some subjects are "written to death," rendering it no easy task for many to expend the amount necessary to buy all of the books as they come off the press. On the other hand, Human Physiology is a subject which few authors, many of whom are well able to undertake the work, feel inclined to write upon. It seems almost strange that such should be, as that subject is the basis of all medical study, in fact is the groundwork for all future achievement in the study of medicine and surgery.

We do not hesitate to say that Professor Raymond's book on physiology, especially his second edition, is one which will be found to be a most acceptable addition to the literature already available on the subject. We have read with more than usual pleasure the chapter devoted to the reproductive functions. In it we find that Dr. Raymond impresses his readers with the variety of opinions held as to the relation of menstruation to evolution. Laryngologists will read with interest what he says on voice production, in connection with which Professor French devotes some space to that most interesting topic, laryngeal photography. The effect of alcohol upon mouth and gastric digestion, the subject of deglutition, and the gastric movements, shown by the use of the X-Ray, are given considerable space. The book is, above all, practical, that alone recommending it as one worth possessing.

The Practice of Obstetrics. By American Authors. Edited by CHAS. JEWETT, M.D., Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology in the Long Island College Hospital, New York. Second edition, revised and enlarged. Illustrated with 445 engravings, 48 of which are in colors, and 36 colored plates. New York and Philadelphia: Lea Brothers & Co.

It is about two years now since the first edition of this work came from the press, and yet the author is called upon to rewrite it. This is an honor not accorded to every one, and goes to show that Dr. Jewett contributed to medical literature something worth while.

In the second edition we find a book considerably larger than