

Books and Pamphlets.

A TEXT BOOK OF PHARMACOLOGY, THERAPEUTICS AND MATERIA MEDICA. By T. Lauder Brunton, M.D., D.Sc., F.R.S., etc. Lecturer on Materia Medica at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, etc. Adapted to the U. S. Pharmacopœia by F. H. Williams, M.D. Third edition. Philadelphia: Lea Bros. & Co., 1888. \$5.50, cloth; \$6.50, leather.

This classic on materia medica has so rapidly run through its second edition as to leave little time, says the author, for improvement. Suffice it to say that it is incomparably the best and most scientific work on the subject in the English language, or, so far as we know, in any language. It would be futile to attempt to point out the many new excellencies of this most excellent book, but we may simply mention that the physiological action of drugs is illustrated by new engravings in such a way as to render the author's meaning clear; that the action of microbes upon the living organism is presented fully and yet tersely, and that the latest views regarding the action of anæsthetics on the nervous system have been introduced. Dr. Brunton is so well and so widely known as an indefatigable worker in the domain of pharmacology that any further notice would be superfluous.

A DIALOGUE AGAINST THE FEVER PESTILENCE. By William Bullein, from the edition of 1578, collated with the earlier editions of 1564 and 1573. Edited by Mark W. Bullein and A. H. Bullein. Pp. 145, paper, 10s.

AND

THE ANATOMIE OF THE BODIE OF MAN. By Thomas Vicary, Serjeant of the Surgeons to Henry VIII., Queen Mary, etc.; Master of the Barber-Surgeons Company, etc., etc. The edition of 1548, as re-issued by the Surgeons of St. Bartholomew's in 1577. Edited by F. J. Furnivall, M.A., etc., and Percy Furnivall. Pp. 336, paper, 15s. London: N. Trübner & Co., 57 and 59 Ludgate Hill.

These works of the Early English Text Society are extremely interesting to the medical man, illustrating, as they do, the condition of medical science at the time they were written. No one need expect to gain much knowledge of the germ theory of disease, or of laparotomy from their perusal, but we guarantee that many a pleasant half hour will be spent by any professional man

into whose possession they come, in conning the quaint sayings and conceits of those old worthies of medicine.

MANUAL OF OBSTETRICS, GYNÆCOLOGY AND PEDIATRICS. By Kenneth N. Fenwick, M.A., M.D., M.R.C.S. ENG., etc.; Prof. Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and Children, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Kingston; Surgeon to the Kingston General Hospital. Pp. 267. Cloth, \$2. Toronto: Carveth & Co.; Kingston: Henderson & Co.

In the preface the author says:—The object of this book is to furnish an outline of the main facts in Obstetrics and the Diseases of Women and Children, and includes a synopsis of the physical signs of Diseases of the Chest and Diseases of the Skin. It is really a syllabus of my sessional lectures, with such additions and alterations as I thought would make it more valuable for reference in emergencies. While seeking to meet the wants of medical students in general, and my own class in particular, the work does not pretend to originality, nor does it aim at supplanting the larger text books on the subject, which are not always within the reach of every medical student.

IN January, 1889, there will be issued from the press of A. L. Chatterton & Co., New York, a new quarterly, entitled "The Journal of Ophthalmology, Otology and Laryngology." It will be edited by George S. Norton, M.D., assisted by Charles Deady, M.D. Subscription price, \$3 per year. The Journal will be devoted to original articles upon the three specialties.

THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT of the Secretary of the State Board of Health of the State of Michigan, for the year ending June 30th, 1888.

Contains much useful information. The State Board of Health is to be congratulated in having so scientific and earnest a worker as Dr. Baker for its Secretary.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

On the 29th October, Dr. Alexander Forin, to Winnifred Fair, both of Collingwood.

At Newmarket, Ont., Oct. 15th, Stanley Scott, Esq., M.D., aged 50 years.