

## BOOK REVIEWS.

**Practical Analysis and Urinary Diagnosis** by Charles Purdy, L.L.D., M.D., F.R.C.S. (Kingston), Professor of Clinical Medicine, Chicago Post Graduate School, &c., &c. Fifth Edition, Revised and Enlarged. F. A. Davis & Co., Philadelphia.

The fifth edition of this excellent work has just appeared, fully revised and brought up to date.

The normal composition of the urine is first taken up, and the different theories as to the mechanism of secretion are dealt with; also the changes normal urine undergoes on standing.

The author then takes up abnormal urine, dealing fully with the albumens, albumoses carbohydrates, etc., their recognition and clinical significance. A particularly valuable part of the work is that dealing with centrifugal analysis for the quantitative estimation of albumen, phosphates, chlorides, etc. The author is to be congratulated on having furnished the profession with a simple, rapid and accurate method for the quantitative analysis of these substances.

Part II. is devoted to urinary diagnosis and should be a very valuable help to the clinician. The work concludes with a chapter dealing with the examination of the urine for life insurance, with rules for the guidance of examiners.

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## ENCYCLOPEDIA MEDICA.

Under the general editorship of Chalmers Watson, M.B., M.R.C.P.E. Vol. 1. Abdomen to Bone. Published by William Green & Sons, Edinburgh, 1899. Agents in Canada, Carveth and Co., Toronto.

This volume contains articles from the pens of T. Lauder Brunton upon "Angina Pectoris"; Byron Bramwell upon "Aphasia"; Dundas Grant upon "Auditory Nerve and Labyrinth," and from a well known Canadian surgeon, F. J. Shepherd, upon "Appendix Vermiformis," as well as from over thirty other authorities of note.

Where there are so many distinguished writers, it is not necessary to say anything with regard to the quality of the text. The work when completed is intended to represent the results and conclusions of medical investigation in the 19th century, and the names of the editor in chief and of the publisher are guarantees that this will be performed thoroughly.

The volume before us has, however, several points in the method of arrangement which are an improvement upon anything we have seen so far. The contents of each article are indexed at its head, and the list of literature bearing upon the subject forms a fitting conclusion. By this method much time will be saved to the reader. The volume is also of a convenient size—well bound and better printed—and the subjects are treated briefly and yet interestingly and exhaustively.

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