

Landmarks' Medical and Surgical. By LUTHER HOLDEN, with additions by Wm. W. Keen, M.D. H. C. Lea's, Son & Co., Philadelphia. N. Ure & Co., Toronto.

It is a wonder that the surpassing excellences of this work should have so long escaped the searching eyes of the American book-makers. At last, however, it makes its appearance in a neat and pleasant garb. The well-known anatomist, Dr. W. W. Keen, has added a few artistic touches which will, perhaps, render the book more acceptable to the American reader. The merits of the work were so evident that additions, not improvements, were made by the editor. Student and practitioner, physician and surgeon, all should study it carefully until they have thoroughly mastered its contents and have them at their finger tips.

The Physician's Clinical Record for Hospital or Private Practice, with Memoranda for Examining Patients, Temperature, Chart, &c. Philadelphia: D. G. Brinton, 115 South Seventh St.

The title sufficiently explains the character of the publication. It is a little blank book, about 6 inches by $3\frac{1}{2}$, ruled for notes of a hundred cases or more. Each case occupies a page, with lines for name, address, disease, and columns for date, pulse, respiration, temperature, other symptoms and remarks. A dozen temperature charts are bound in, as well as a lettered index, and a few blank pages for outline sketches, to facilitate which a small stencil plate is contained in the pocket in the cover. We commend it as very handy and likely to promote daily records, now so much neglected to the detriment of all.

Vennor's Almanac & Weather Record, for 1882. By HENRY G. VENNOR F. G. S. Philadelphia: J. M. Stoddart. Toronto: Toronto News Company.

Mr. Vennor regards Toronto as most exceptional, *re* the weather, and he certainly has not been particularly happy in his prognostications for this locality.

Mr. Vennor claims to have found the key of the problem of weather prediction. His prognostications are not mere guesses, but are

based upon the principle of recurrent waves of like duration at intervals of time. Thus there are singlets, couplets, and triads of years. The first of exceptional weather recurring at long intervals and impossible to predict, the second more frequent but very irregular, the third frequent but still very irregular. The grand difficulty is to recognize the entrance of a special group and grasp its characteristics, whether it is a triad of wet or dry, or cold or warm weather.

He does not claim to be infallible, and is willing to learn from his 'misses'. He casts himself upon a discriminating public, to sink or swim upon the success or failure of his prognostications. What more could be asked from any man?

Artificial Anæsthesia and Anæsthetics. By HENRY M. LYMAN, A.M., M.D., Professor of Physiology and Diseases of Nervous System, Rush Medical College, Chicago, Ill. New York: Wm. Wood & Co., 27 Great Jones St.

This is the September number of Wood's Library for 1881, and is really one of the most interesting and important books in the series. Owing to the nature of the subject it is out of the question to attempt a detailed criticism. Suffice it to quote the author's intention "to distil into these pages all the excellences of the writers, who have investigated the subject of Artificial Anæsthesia, and to say, in our humble judgment, he was admirably and wholly succeeded in his, by no means easy, task. The history of the subject, the Phenomena, Physiology, Production, and Forms of Anæsthesia, the administration, accidents and medico-legal relations of Anæsthetics are all ably treated of, and a detailed account of the now numerous Anæsthetic agents furnished in a manner calling for the warmest thanks and felicitations of the profession. Practitioners are to be congratulated upon having so much valuable information brought together into such convenient compass and accessible form, and the author upon having completed so satisfactorily and well his difficult task in his fellow-labourers' behalf. Every one who is called upon to employ these grand alleviators of human suffering and pain, should possess the book and the knowledge which it inculcates.