

on account of its unpleasant character. Such examinations, if systematically made, will often give a clue to diagnosis of an obscure case, especially when there is occult blood or pus in the feces. The translation should be much better than it is. The close following of the German phraseology often obscures the meaning so greatly as to render it doubtful even after close thought. If a further edition appears, it is to be hoped that the ideas and not the words of the author will be given. However, the work will amply repay the time required to master its contents.

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Prevalent Diseases of the Eye. By SAMUEL THEOBALD, M.D.; Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology and Otology, Johns Hopkins University. Octavo of 551 pages, with 219 text-illustrations, and 10 colored plates. 1906. Cloth, \$4.50 net. Half Morocco, \$5.50 net. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders Company. Canadian Agents: J. A. Carveth & Co., Toronto.

Dr. Theobald's work is meant for the general practitioner, not for the specialist, and hence no detailed account is given of refraction, nor of ophthalmoscopic appearances. The chapters on examination of the eyes, and on the general treatment of its diseases, are very interesting. In that on the lachrymal passages he advocates the use of much larger probes than the Bouman probe so generally used. The general practitioner finds his greatest bugbear in glaucoma, which is so frequently mistaken for iritis, and even for sick headache, so that one reads with pleasure the sound, practical advice on the subject. Injuries of the eyes by foreign bodies, contusion, or incision, are fully dealt with. The chapter on the use of glasses in hypermetropia, myopia and astigmatism will be appreciated by every practitioner. We predict for this work a flattering reception.

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The Practice of Gynecology, in Original Contributions by American Authors. Edited by J. WESLEY BOVEE, Professor of Gynecology, George Washington University, Washington, D.C. Philadelphia and New York: Lea Brothers & Co. 1906.

This is an eminently practical and at the same time scientific work written by seven men, each one of whom is an expert in the subjects assigned him. The Editor, Dr. J. Wesley Bovee, has apportioned the topics covered to men in the prime of life and in the full tide of professional activity, and each one seems to have put his heart into his work. Dr. Bovee's own part, both as writer and as editor, has been just what, knowing his brilliant surgical career and the value of his previous writings, we would have been led to expect. The personal equations make uniformity impos-