

their claims has drawn attention to the general system, which has been flooded with light. The result must be a natural death within a very short time. In this beneficial work the volume before us will play an important part, for it is a thorough *exposé* of Mrs. Eddy's claims. That this expose is necessary is clearly proven by Mr. Purrington's book, which we commend to all those desirous of posting themselves on this matter.

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A Text-Book of Diseases of Women.—By Charles B. Penrose, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Gynecology in the University of Pennsylvania; Surgeon to the Gynceean Hospital, Philadelphia. Illustrated. Third edition revised. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders, 925 Walnut street, 1900. Price \$3.75.

In the introduction the author says: "I have written this book for the medical student. I have attempted to present the best teaching of modern gynecology untrammelled by antiquated theories or methods of treatment. I have in most instances recommended but one plan of treatment for each disease, hoping in this way to avoid confusing the student or the physician who consults the book for practical guidance. I have, as a rule, omitted all facts of anatomy, physiology and pathology which may be found in the general text-books upon these subjects. Such facts have been mentioned in detail only when it seemed important for the elucidation of the subject, or when there were certain points in the pathology that were peculiar to the diseases under consideration." A careful perusal of the work, which embraces 531 pages, shows that the author has succeeded admirably in his endeavor. It possesses three qualities: completeness, conciseness and clearness. In the forty-three chapters everything has been thought of; nothing has been left out. There is a whole chapter for instance on cancer of the cervix, another on gonorrhœa in women, and another on the menopause; the last chapter treats exclusively with "the effect of the removal of the uterine appendages." Gynecology is making such rapid strides that any book which is more than two or three years old is out of date unless it has been revised. Dr. Penrose realizes this, and has thoroughly revised it since it first appeared some three years ago. This is especially important on account of the changes in treatment, which is constantly improving; those who consult this work will find that the advice given is in accordance with the opinions held by the leading gynecologists of the day. It is hardly within the province of a brief notice of the book to refer at length to any of the opinions expressed by the author. But this much we may say: that we wish every practitioner would read the chapters on lacerations of the cervix and cancer of the cervix, and on hemorrhage at the menopause. We feel sure that by so doing they might contribute very considerably towards stamping out cancer of the cervix altogether. The chapters on the early operation for tubal pregnancy and ovarian cysts are also very convincing as well as important. Many other important points might be noticed, but want of space prevents us particularizing further. The book should be in the hands of every student and practitioner.

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