

BOOK NOTICES.

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH OF ILLINOIS, with an appendix embracing: Coroners' Inquests; Meteorological Tables; Illinois Army Board of Medical Examiners; Official Register of Physicians and Medicines.

ESSENTIALS OF GYNECOLOGY. Arranged in the form of questions and answers, prepared especially for students of medicine. By Edwin B. Cragin, M.D., attending gynecologist to the Roosevelt Hospital, out-patient department; assistant surgeon to the New York Cancer Hospital, etc., with illustrations. Price, \$1.00. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders, 913 Walnut street. London: Henry Renshaw. Melbourne: George Robertson & Co. 1890.

WOOD'S MEDICAL AND SURGICAL MONOGRAPHS, consisting of original treatises and reproductions in English, of books and monographs selected from the latest literature of foreign countries, with all illustrations, etc. Contents:—The Formation and Excretion of Uric Acid, as elucidating its action in the causation of disease. By A. Haig, M.A., M.D. The Initial Stages of Consumption; the nature and treatment, including dietetic suggestions. By Horace Dobell, M.D. Ectopic Pregnancy and Pelvic Hematocele. By Lawson Tait, F.R.C.S. Published monthly. Price, \$10.00 a year; single copies, \$1.00. February, 1890.

DIARRHOEA AND DYSENTERY. Modern Views of the Pathology and Treatment. By Prof. Alonzo B. Palmer, M.D., LL. D., Professor of Pathology and Practice of Medicine in the Department of Medicine and Surgery of the University of Michigan. George S. Davis, Detroit, Mich.

This very interesting and instructive little work forms one of the Physicians' Leisure Library Series, and, like many of its predecessors, is a regular malthum-in-parvo of practical information. The subject discussed in this little volume (namely, diarrhoea) will, as the warm weather approaches, form a topic of daily interest to the physicians, and we can truly say a careful perusal of Dr. Palmer's monograph will place one in a position to treat this disease from the proper standpoint.

ANNUAL OF THE UNIVERSAL MEDICAL SCIENCES. Edited by Charles E. Sajous, M.D., and 70 Associate Editors, 5 vols., 8vo. F. A. Davis, Publishers, 1889.

This series of volumes constitutes the second issue of this important Annual. The editor states, in his preface to the work, that he has incorporated in it several new features. There have been added, to each reference, the date, number of volume of the journal quoted. Foreign weights, measures and thermometric systems are presented in their accepted cis-atlantic equivalents. There is also a complete and compact index to each volume, in addition to the full triple index of the entire work. In every respect the issue of 1889, is in point of general appearance and in typographical execution, superior to that of 1888. The associate editors have, of course, profited by the experience of the year in giving uniformity

and compactness to the work, for in the issue of the first edition it was impossible for them to realize, in advance, exactly what would be expected of them as contributors to the literary success of the Annual.

This interesting series has now become a necessity to the physician for reference, the abstracts and essays being the condensation of the choicest materials—the very cream of current periodical literature—at the hands of members of the profession whose skill and ability are universally recognized. The editor, Dr Sajous, may be specially commended for the faithful supervision, ability and industry which have conducted this model enterprise to such distinguished success.

DIABETES, MELLITUS AND INSIPIDUS. By Andrew H. Smith, M.D., Professor of Clinical Medicine and Therapeutics at the New York Post-Graduate Medical School; Physician to the Presbyterian Hospital, &c., &c. Physicians' Leisure Library Series, 1889. George S. Davis, Detroit, Mich.

The author informs us that the object of this little work is not to compress into the fewest possible words all that is known or surmised in regard to diabetes, but to give the points which will most interest those who have to manage cases of this disease. Consequently, but little space is given to the discussion of undetermined questions of physiological and pathological chemistry, etiology, &c. The writer has endeavored to reflect his own experience in the pages of what in the nature of the case must be largely a compilation. The subject chosen is undoubtedly one of deep interest to the profession, and the little volume will repay a few hours careful perusal.

WOOD'S MEDICAL AND SURGICAL MONOGRAPHS, consisting of original treatises and reproductions, in English, of books and monographs selected from the latest literature of foreign countries, with all illustrations, etc. Contents:—The Arrest of Growth in Cancer by the Interrupted Voltaic Current (Electro-Atrophy). By J. Inglis Parsons, M.D. The Dreadful Revival of Leprosy. By Sir Morell Mackenzie, M.D. Diseases of Old Age. By Dr. A. Seidel, Berlin. Urinary Neuroses of Childhood. By Dr. Louis J. Guinon, Paris. Varicose Veins of the Lower Extremities. By William H. Bennett, F.R.C.S. The Uses of Electrolysis in Surgery. By W. E. Stevenson, M.D. Published monthly. Price, \$10.00 a year; single copies, \$1.00. March 1890. New York: William Wood and Company, 56 and 58 Lafayette Place. 1890.

A HAND-BOOK OF DERMATOLOGY. For the use of students. By A. Ohmann-Dumesnil, A.M., M.D., Professor of Dermatology, St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons; Consulting Dermatologist to the St. Louis City Hospital; Physician for Cutaneous Diseases, Alexian Bros. Hospital, etc., Editor *St. Louis Medical and Surgical Journal*, Illustrated, *St. Louis Medical and Surgical Journal Publishing Company*.

This hand-book has been prepared at the request of the students of the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons, who desired to possess a short résumé of forthcoming lectures. In its make-up, details and the discussion of mooted points have