

## BOOK NOTICES.

**PULMONARY CONSUMPTION**—Its nature, varieties and treatment with an analysis of 1000 cases, by C. J. B. Williams, M.D., and C. T. Williams M.D. Phil. H. C. Lea, 1872. 8vo. pp. 316.

Dr. Williams, senior, is a well known and distinguished author, and this work we have no doubt will be sought after by all reading men in the profession. His theory of Consumption is "that it arises from a degradation of the plasma or nutritive material by which old textures are removed and new ones formed." The 1000 cases selected for analysis, are taken from notes on about 25000 which came under his observation during a period of 30 years. They are divided into two groups, phthisis of inflammation and phthisis of constitutional origin. The first embracing varieties designated chronic pneumonia, suppurative, serofulous, catarrhal, albuminous, hemorrhagic, &c. and the latter, tuberculosis acute and chronic, and serofulous consumption. With regard to treatment, cod-liver oil, good nutritious food, and tonics, constitute the principal remedies. As tonics, he places most reliance on iron and quinine, unless inflammation exists, when calumba, chiretta and casearilla are more suitable. He recommends the pale oil, in tablespoonful doses, to be administered after eating, combined with an aromatic bitter, acidulated with a mineral acid. He frequently adds the tonic to the oil, and finds it to work well. Pure air, and gentle and varied exercise are also forcibly dwelt upon in the management of this unfortunate class of patients.

**DISEASES OF WOMEN**—By T. G. Thomas, M.D., of New York. Philadelphia. H. C. Lea. Toronto. Adam Stevenson & Co.

This is the third edition of Dr. Thomas' excellent work on diseases of Women. It has been thoroughly revised, many portions re-written and several new chapters introduced. The work is improved in every respect, and is still more worthy of the confidence of the profession as a guide in the treatment of diseases peculiar to women.

**DISEASES OF WOMEN**—By Sir J. Y. Simpson, edited by A. R. Simpson, M.D., of Edinburgh. New York. D. Appleton & Co.; Toronto. Copp, Clark & Co.

**DISEASES OF BONES**—By T. M. Markoe, M.D., Collogo of Physicians and Surgeons, New York. D. Appleton & Co., publishers.

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