

Books and Pamphlets.

IMMUNITY, PROTECTIVE INOCULATIONS IN INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND SERUM-THERAPY. By George M. Sternberg, M.D., LL.D., Surgeon-General U. S. Army, etc. New York: Wm. Wood & Co. Toronto: Vannevar & Co. 1895.

The author is dealing with what is perhaps the most burning scientific question of the day. Although the treatment of diphtheria with anti-toxin has not proved so entirely successful as we all at first hoped for; yet its partial success is an earnest of what we may yet look for in the treatment of all infectious diseases by similar means. Every practising physician and surgeon must be interested, and deeply so, in serum-therapy, and therefore, Dr. Sternberg's work is timely. There have been recently opened up, by bacteriologists, a vista of possibilities in specific treatment, unsuspected a year or two ago. So that every doctor should be *au courant* of this new branch of scientific medicine.

Dr. Sternberg comes to the work very fully equipped. His official position gives him enormous advantages in the study, and his thorough scholarship and scientific attainments peculiarly fit him for this work. And his book is quite as good as we could expect. The science is new, but everything of interest bearing on the subject is here set down.

It is a book no doctor, who wishes to be abreast of the medical progress of the time, and we may say of the most important branch of that progress, can afford to do without.

THE YEAR BOOK OF TREATMENT FOR 1895; a Critical Review for Practitioners of Medicine and Surgery. Philadelphia: Lea Brothers & Co. Toronto: Carveth & Co. 1895.

This is the eleventh issue of "The Year Book of Treatment." It comes in its old form, so that those of our readers who know it require no information; but for those who do not, we may say it is a *résumé* of the medical literature of the last year; a sifting of the wheat from the chaff, which will, to a considerable extent, enable the busy practitioner to keep abreast of the progress of the times in all that relates to the treatment of disease. Among the contributors to the present volume we note the names of Dudley W. Buxton,

Reginald Harrison, Malcolm Morris, Edmund Owen, Henry Power, and many others whose writings are well known to the medical world.

A MANUAL OF THE MODERN THEORY AND TECHNIQUE OF SURGICAL ASEPSIS. By Charles Beck, M.D., Visiting Surgeon to St. Mark's Hospital, etc. With 65 illustrations and 12 full-page plates; pp. 306. \$1.25 net, cloth. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders. Toronto: Vannevar & Co. 1895.

The medical and surgical practitioner has heard so much about the whole science having been revolutionized since asepsis came to the fore, that he may think he knows all that is worth knowing about the subject. He may, and probably does know, a deal about it; but he wants to read Dr. Beck's book, to understand to what vast dimensions the "science" of asepticism has grown.

While the book is in the main practical, theory has not been omitted, where it can make plain the technique of modern wound treatment.

We should like to see a similar work on Medical Asepsis, as we believe much could be said on that subject which would be of inestimable value to the physician, as this is to the surgeon.

DOSE BOOK AND MANUAL OF PRESCRIPTION WRITING. By E. G. Thornton, M.D., Ph.G., Demonstrator of Therapeutics, Jefferson Medical College, etc. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders. Cloth, pp. 338. \$1.25 net.

This book is a very convenient one for students of medicine, as well as for both young and old practitioners, who can profitably use it as a book of reference.

It gives the composition and strength of all official preparations, U.S.P.; solubilities, incompatibles, doses both apothecaries and metric. It also considers the grammatical construction of prescriptions; numerous examples of properly constructed formulæ, and, what should be of great advantage to the student, and to many a practitioner, if we may judge by the Barbarizing we so often hear, the proper pronunciation of all the terms used in pharmacy.

FOR PIMPLES AND BLACKHEADS.—It is said, *Druggists' Circ.*, that a lotion made by dissolving one drachm of salicylic acid in three ounces of alcohol, applied to these little nuisances, will prove very useful in ending in their removal.