

gratulate Dr. Senn upon the manner in which he has accomplished his task.

A MANUAL OF MODERN SURGERY. For the Use of Students and Practitioners. By John B. Roberts, A. M., M. D. Philadelphia: Lea Bros. & Co.

This handsome volume on practical surgery fully supplies the want which the author had in view when he wrote it, namely, to be a book of ready reference for the young surgeon, as well as a text book for final year students in this branch. The reading material is so put together as to make its perusal pleasant, and the various subjects are briefly and concisely gone into, yet by this brevity it in no way loses any of the explicitness of more ponderous works. In its pages many of the more minor details of the various operations are fully described with great clearness. The illustrations are of the very best, and they are selected in a manner that indicates the author is fully abreast of the times, and possessed of the keenest judgment. It is a book that one delights to read, study and consult. The letter-press and paper are excellent and the general appearance of the volume would make it a handsome addition to any practitioner's library.

A TEXT BOOK OF PRACTICAL THERAPEUTICS, with especial reference to the application of remedial measures to disease, and their employment upon a rational basis. By Hobart Amory Hare, M. D., (Univ. of Pa.) B. Sc., Clinical Professor of the Diseases of Children, and Demonstrator of Therapeutics in the University of Pennsylvania, Secretary of the Convention for the revision of the U.S. Pharmacopœia of 1890, etc., etc. Philadelphia: Lea Brothers & Co., 1890. 8vo., cloth, pp. 632.

We have purposely withheld our comments on this work, till the present in order to permit of a thorough perusal of its contents. Having now done so we can fully assure our readers that the task (if we may express it) has been a most pleasant one. The author's ideas in the general construction of the material are thoroughly original, and the work is designed for the use of the student as well as the medical practitioner, and a successful endeavor has been made to combine science with practice by placing this most difficult subject on a rational rather than an empirical basis. It is essentially a work on practical therapeutics. The arrangement of the drugs is alphabetical and the volume is quite abreast of the times and the newer drugs, e.g., acetanilide, are spoken of at some length. A point which is of much importance to Canadian readers is the embodiment of the *materia medica* of the *British Pharmacopœia*. The first part of the work treats of the remedies employed in modern practice and the latter part is devoted to a description of the treatment of the various diseases. In the appendix is found a full table of doses; also a complete index of remedies and diseases, making the work as a whole a very acceptable text book for the student, as well as a volume for reference or the busy practitioner.

## SOUTHERN ENTERPRISE.

It appears, from a pamphlet we have received, that Pine Bluff, Moore County, North Carolina, is an El. Dorado for patients suffering from lung diseases. In order that the merits of the place may be investigated, the management of the location have made the very generous offer to the Editor of this journal to provide a free pass from New York there and back, between the 8th and 15th of April; or, if the Editor is unable to go, the offer holds good for some other member of our staff. As we are rather short handed at present, we are unable to accept the invitation, but we are prepared to engage a reporter for the special work, without salary, to whom we will give the free ticket offered us, and who would no doubt come in for a good time among the hospitable denizens of Southern Pines, the new health resort. Any of our readers desiring to take this journey should apply at once to the Managing Editor of the RECORD.

## NEWS ITEMS.

The *University Medical Magazine*, of Philadelphia. We have much pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to a new departure which this excellent journal is making. The method adopted is as follows: a corps of young medical men make extracts from all the leading foreign journals; these extracts are then submitted to the chief of each department who selects the most important ones, which present in the most satisfactory manner the current literature of the day. When we state that these departments will be under the personal direction of such men as Pepper, Agnew, White, Wood, Goodell and Hirst, we need hardly state that the result of their labors will give the greatest satisfaction. We trust that the enterprise of the publishers will be rewarded by a largely increased subscription list, the price remaining as before, only \$2.00 per annum. The journal has long been one of the most welcome among our list of exchanges.

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