

foetid breath. This is the weakest part of the whole volume—the cause really being indigestion, owing to the sudden arrest of the flow of gastric juice in the stomach, the result of sudden emotion—acting through the nervous system. We have never seen any cases such as detailed in this chapter, when, immediately on the emotion occurring, the breath becomes foetid. The remaining five chapters are practical in their bearing, and contain a considerable amount of information. A number of recipes are given, which have been found useful. We notice, however, that he makes no mention of the internal use of creosote and of carbolic acid in cases of foetid breath when there is much flatulence. We have found both of the above drugs extremely useful in such cases—in doses of two drops made into pill with liquorice powder, and taken an hour after each meal.

A Guide to the Practical Examination of Urine for the use of Physicians and Students, by JAMES TYSON, M.D., Hospital Lecturer on Pathological Anatomy in the University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, Lindsay & Blakiston; Montreal, Dawson Brothers.

We really have so many excellent works on the subject of the chemical and microscopic examinations of urine, that it would seem almost needless to multiply them. The author of this volume states that they are nearly all rather too thick or too ponderous as regards size for convenient use, and in this statement we think we can at all events in great measure corroborate him. He seems to have hit the happy medium, for the treatise now before us is convenient as to size, and yet contains everything really essential to understand, even in a subject so important as the pathological investigation of the urinary secretion. His experience has been very extensive, for during many years past a considerable part of each day has been devoted to this class of clinical investigation at the Philadelphia Hospital. The work is well illustrated, and is such a one as we can honestly recommend to those who desire to possess themselves of valuable information on a subject which it is disgraceful for even a third rate practitioner not to be thoroughly posted upon.

A Practical Treatise on the Surgical Diseases of the Genito-Urinary Organs, including Syphilis; designed as a manual for students and practitioners, with engravings and cases, by W. H. VAN BUREN, A.M., M.D., Professor of Clinical Surgery and diseases of the Genito-Urinary Organs in Bellevue Hospital Medical College, and E. L. KEYES, A.M.,

M.D., Professor of Dermatology in Bellevue Hospital Medical College. New York, D. Appleton & Co., 1874; Montreal, Dawson Brothers.

American medical literature is commencing to dive, so to speak, into a path, which has heretofore almost exclusively been cultivated by English and Continental writers. We allude to specialties. We know that many think the sub-divisions into which the profession has been diverted within somewhat recent years to be altogether unnecessary, and detrimental to its best interests. We cannot, however, endorse such views, for the steady growth which the science and art of medicine and surgery are making, make it an utter impossibility for the majority of the profession to be equally an adept in every branch. The specialties to which the authors of this volume have in good measure devoted themselves—at all events in their professorial capacity in Bellevue Hospital Medical College—are among the most important which can come under the notice of the surgeon. They are not unfrequently very difficult of treatment, and sometimes unsatisfactory as regards termination. In a large Metropolitan centre such as New York, a splendid field must be open for the study of affections of this class, and, after a careful glance at the volume before us, we are convinced that Drs. Van Buren and Keyes have availed themselves of the opportunities which have been presented to them in a manner creditable in the highest degree. We have not read the volume through, but we cannot help expressing our high appreciation of the chapter on stricture of the urethra. It is an admirable epitome of the literature on the subject up to date, with a very considerable amount of originality as regards the treatment. Fully two hundred pages are taken up in describing chancroid and syphilis, and in this space a very great deal of very valuable information is contained. Taking it as a whole it is an excellent contribution to American Medical literature, and in every way a credit to its authors. It would form a splendid addition to any medical library—but should especially be in the hands of those who are engaged in teaching surgery. Its appearance does credit to the well known publishing house of D. Appleton & Co.

BIRTHS.

HALL.—At Keima Lodge, Magog, on the 16th November, the wife of James B. Hall, Esq., M.D., of a daughter.

DEATHS.

ANDERSON.—At Durham, Ormstown, Que., on Wednesday, 11th November, John Anderson, Esq., M.D., and Coroner of the District of Beauharnois, a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, and for 40 years a resident of this Province, aged 67 years and ten months.