

Such progress has been made in this department of medicine since the death of Dr. Fothergill nearly ten years ago, that it became necessary to almost re-write it. This work fell to Dr. William Murrell, of London, and well indeed it has been done, that gentleman having been careful to retain to as great an extent as possible the original author's style and method of presentment. We cannot do more than recommend practitioners to purchase this the latest edition of Fothergill, as they may rest assured that in doing so they cannot misspend the small amount. It can be purchased from A. P. Watts & Co. at 10 College St., Toronto.

Outlines of Rural Hygiene. For Physicians, Students and Sanitarians. By HARVEY B. BASTORE, M.D., Inspector for the State Board of Health of Pennsylvania. With an Appendix on the Normal Distribution of Chlorine, by PROF. HERBERT E. SMITH, of Yale University. Illustrated. Philadelphia, New York, Chicago: The F. A. Davis Co., Publishers. 1897.

A very useful book to any of the classes of persons mentioned above, but especially useful, we should think, to the large class of intelligent non-professional readers who live in the country, and who know little of the means by which disease is to be prevented.

The remarks on wells, cisterns and public water supplies are well put and practical. The same can be said of the chapter on the disposal of house wastes and sewage. The chapter on "The Soil," is probably the most interesting in the book, but Thuring's views on cellar construction are quoted with good effect. The curious fact mentioned about the presence of arsenic in the Forest Farm Cemetery Creek, at Buffalo, will not be very good news to our friends the embalmers, but may serve to hurry on the advent of formaldehyde as an embalming fluid. Ventilation and heating are rather briefly touched upon. The style is clear and simple. The author should try again and give his readers more matter.

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A Clinical Text-Book of Surgical Diagnosis and Treatment. For Practitioners and Students of Surgery and Medicine. By J. W. MACDONALD, M.D., Graduate in Medicine, Edinburgh University; Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, etc. With 328 illustrations. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders, 925 Walnut Street. 1898. Canadian Agents: J. A. Carveth & Co., 413 Parliament Street, Toronto. Cloth, \$5.00.

The study of surgery is truly a very wide field, and to be considered in detail would take up many volumes. The task of the author on such a subject is no small one, especially if he attempts to boil down his subject. To do so, however, and present to the reader the subject of surgical diagnosis in one volume is no easy task. Dr. Macdonald's work, as published, is one of exceptional merit, and puts into the surgeon's hands a work which will enable him to treat his cases in a manner which will do justice to his patient as well as himself. The work teaches the reader particularly how to examine a case of injury in a systematic manner, leaving nothing undone and guarding against all contingencies. The author excludes from the book the surgery of the eye, ear and skin, and leaves those subjects to the care of specialists. The work indeed presents the most recent surgical knowledge.

Elements of Latin. For Students of Medicine and Pharmacy. By GEORGE D. CROTHERS, A.M., M.D., Teacher of Latin and Greek in the St. Joseph