

## Reviews and Notices of Books.

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*The Student's Guide to Medical Diagnosis.*—By SAMUEL FENWICK, M. D., F.R.C.P., Assistant Physician to the the London Hospital. From the third Revised and Enlarged English Edition, with 84 illustrations on wood. 8 vo. pp. 320. Philadelphia, Henry C. Lea, 1873.

This book is one of those modern *vade mecum*s, which from their containing so much in such a small space, and being so quick and easy of reference have come greatly into vogue amongst students of present years. A man preparing for examinations in medicine is now required to possess a knowledge of so many more subjects than was formerly the case, whilst the time to do it in has remained exactly the same, that it becomes almost a necessity for him to have his materials to some extent *concentrated* for him. *Practical* examinations—that is actual *clinical* examinations at the bedside in the Hospital, are now very properly included amongst the tests of proficiency of all candidates at most of the principal British and foreign Universities, and from year to year it may be noticed that more and more importance is attached to the answering on these occasions. It is here that a knowledge of the means in general use for the investigation of the physical signs of disease, as well as acquaintance with their interpretation, and with the various subjective symptoms presented, comes to be essential to his arriving ultimately at a logical conclusion concerning their significance. In other words he is called upon to show his capability for accurate *Diagnosis* upon which in after years, without doubt, all his future successes as a physician must necessarily depend. Condensed aids to medical diagnosis ought therefore to be looked upon as very useful to hospital and advanced students and to junior practitioners as well, and regarding the present work we need only say that it seems, considering its small size, and the large amount of