

Text-Book of Bacteriology. By CARL FRAENKEL, M.D., Professor of Hygiene, University of Königsberg. Third edition. Translated by J. H. LINSLEY, M.D. New York: Wm. Wood & Co. 1891.

Those who are frequently asked to recommend a good, practical work on bacteriology will hail with relief the appearance of a translation of Prof. Fraenkel's well known work. It combines a description of the bacteriological methods with a very full, systematic account of the more important germs, and is for this reason to be preferred to any other work hitherto published upon the subject. One of its chief beauties lies in the fact that a large amount of complicated and confusing technical detail, now known to be unnecessary, has been left out. It is, without doubt, the one book necessary to anyone wishing to work at practical bacteriology. The only defect of the book lies in the fact that it has no illustrations, the original idea having been to supplement it by an atlas of micro-photographs. Fortunately, the absence of illustrations is made up for by unusually clear and vivid descriptions which have been remarkably well rendered in the translations. [W. G. J.]

Syllabus of Post-mortem Methods. For the use of Students in the Montreal General Hospital. By WYATT JOHNSTON, M.D., Pathologist to the Hospital. Montreal: G. Ashford. 1891.

This little book is a thoroughly practical guide in the technique of post-mortem examinations. The order and method of examination of the different organs are clearly given, and the dissection of the heart is illustrated by a couple of excellent diagrams. An account of the precautions to be observed in the performance of medico-legal autopsies is appended, and will prove a useful guide to those who are occasionally called upon to perform a post-mortem for this purpose. The weight of the normal organs and the method of drawing up a report are also dwelt upon. From personal observation we can heartily recommend the book as a reliable guide in the subject with which it deals.