

matter was added, and from this edition some earlier suggestions not standing the test of time and Dr. Ortner's experience have been dropped.

As one turns through this edition the impression grows upon one that treatment of disease is becoming less medicinal and more mechanical, climatic, dietetic, hydro-therapeutic, and had Dr. Ortner discussed the treatment of diseases of the nervous system he would have of necessity emphasized the psycho-therapeutic methods now so frequently employed.

In the translation, which we must regard as faithfully done, the prescriptions have been altered to conform to the American Pharmacopœia—and references to climatology, hygiene and dietetics have been adapted to the needs of the American student and practitioner.

The work is taken up under sixteen sections, fourteen of which Dr. Ortner supplies. The appendix consists of two sections, one contributed by Prof. Frühwald on the Therapy of Acute Infectious Diseases, *e.g.*, scarlet fever, measles, etc., and the other on the Therapy of Neurasthenia is by the editor, Dr. Potter. This last section is included typographically, under infectious diseases.

The book is suggestive, helpful, possibly somewhat wordy in certain themes, but, on the whole, a very valuable addition to any practitioner's study.

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INDEX OF TREATMENT BY VARIOUS WRITERS. Edited by ROBERT HUTCHISON and STANSFIELD COLLIER; revised to conform with American usage by WARREN COLEMAN. Wm. Wood & Co., 1908.

This book is a very compact and most useful index to medical therapy and non-operative surgical treatment, "as well as such minor or emergency operations as any practitioner may be called on to perform." Among the seventy-odd contributors, one finds such names as Allbutt, Bradford, Bramwell, Gibson, Russell, Saundby and West. All have written their sections with great care and conciseness, and in a spirit of toleration and modernism that does them great credit. While most of the subjects receive but a dozen lines, pages are devoted to such important conditions as nephritis (West), retention of urine (Walker), rickets (Thomson), typhoid fever (Goodall). Warren Coleman of New York has prepared the American edition and has adapted the English prescriptions to the U. S. P. He also gives the agencies in America of the various English and German manufacturers of anti-toxic sera. Similarly in the article on epilepsy, American institutions for the care of epileptics have been substituted.

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