

poisoning to deal with. It contains all its former excellences, besides the addition of all new drugs, e.g., phenacetin, antipyrin, aniline, aconitine, etc., and a list of proprietary medicines, with their ingredients.

It, however, has one of the drawbacks of many English publications, in not having an index. This is partly obviated by the drugs being put in alphabetically. On the whole we can thoroughly recommend it to the profession generally.

Nursing: Its Principles and Practice for Hospital and Private Use. By ISABEL ADAMS HAMPTON, graduate of N. Y. Training School for nurses attached to Bellevue Hospital; Superintendent of Nurses and Principal of the Training School for Nurses, Johns Hopkin's Hospital, Baltimore, Md., late Superintendent of Nurses, Illinois Training School for Nurses, Chicago, Illinois. W. B. Saunders, Philadelphia, publishers. Price \$2.00.

Seldom have we perused a book upon the subject of "nursing" that has given us so much pleasure as the one now before us. The first chapter is given up to "school organization," its management, and the division of work and classes for first and second year students, while the next goes on with a description of what a hospital ward should be—strange to say it is in striking contrast to what *some* really are. It then devotes considerable space to hospital etiquette, ward discipline, etc. These pages no superintendent of a training school should neglect to read, at least once; head nurses may refer to them more frequently, while junior nurses will profit much by a careful study of them. In the chapter following, and in fact pretty much all through the book, the author places special stress upon the formation of *habits* of "order" and of "observation." Many points about the preparation of a room, its hygiene, its disinfection after contagious disease, etc., are given. A complete chapter is devoted to a description of baths, the manner in which they should be given, and a classification of the same. The preparation of disinfectant solutions is fully described, and the "metric system" is elucidated in a fairly complete and certainly useful manner. We then come to a chapter in which a smattering of bacteriology is given, along with some valuable information upon the disinfection of clothing, of furniture, of the various excreta, etc. Then the reader is treated to a description of the many kinds

of enemata, together with the manner in which they are prepared, and their mode of administration. Chapter XI., which deals with the temperature, pulse, and the method of recording notes: and Chapter XXIII., which deals with symptoms and how to observe them, should be read by every nurse, for this keeping of records is one of the things in which so many of them are deficient. A portion of the latter half of the book is taken up with the preparation of dressings, etc. One chapter is devoted to "diet," another deals with the management of "emergencies," while yet another takes up the examination of the "urine." Chapter XXIV. deals with "obstetrics"; the subsequent one with the "nursing of children." The last two chapters touch, the one upon "infectious diseases," the other upon some of the general "medical diseases." In the back there is a vocabulary, which will, without doubt, prove very useful to the *student nurse*. If the work has a fault it may be some tendency to repetition, but the fact that the author is of the opposite sex may possibly explain this to most of our readers. The publishers are to be complimented upon the style of the book, and upon the quality of the plates. We think that every nurse should have access to the pages of this little work, and we would strongly urge upon the members of our own profession the need of a book like this, for it will enable each of us to become a *training school* in himself.

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Six Months' Medical Evidence in the Coroners' Court of Montreal. By WYATT JOHNSTON, M.D., and GEORGE VILLENEUVE, M.D., Montreal. Reprint from the *Montreal Medical Journal*, August, 1893.