

Dr. Monro's work is intended primarily for the student, although it is hoped by the author that it will also be of service to junior practitioners. It is a creditable attempt to put the more essential matters of medical practice into concise form, the book containing but 900 pages, and in many respects it is the best of the smaller texts on medicine with which we are acquainted. The arrangement of the book appears to us to be excellent, and a large number of subjects receive consideration which are quite neglected in many of the more pretentious works. Facts are stated plainly, and there is a charming lack of redundancy and ambiguity. We feel, though, that it is unfortunate that there is a demand (for there must surely be a demand) for these small works on general medicine. There is no time in which it is more necessary that all details should be considered than during student days. The books recommended for study by the classes in our colleges should, in our estimation, be standards in every respect. It is unusual for a man to do better as a student after graduation than before, and if one is unable during his college course to acquaint himself with the details of such works as Osler, Tyson, Fagge, etc., it is unlikely that he will ever do so. But as long as shorter works are demanded, it is well that the best of these be chosen, and for those who *must* have a brief text on medicine the manual of Dr. Monro can be conscientiously recommended.

Saline Therapy.—By PROF. DR. CARL VON NOORDEN, Physician-in-Chief of City Hospital, Frankfort-on-Main. Authorized American edition, edited by Dr. Boardman Reed. Published by E. B. Treat & Co., 241 West 23rd St., New York. Price 75 cents.

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