

junior readers may regard the past, devoted chiefly to the semeiology and statistics of epilepsy, and taking up more than half of the volume, as unnecessarily long and too liberally diffuse; but whoever, young or old, sets determinedly to work, will find the work growing in favour the farther he advances in its careful perusal; certainly when he reaches the last four chapters, devoted to the Pathology, Diagnosis, Prognosis and Treatment, he will say that his patient devotion is amply rewarded. Indeed it might not be wrong to suggest to those who have little surplus time at command, to take up these chapters first, not however with the purpose or desire of ignoring those preceding: for they are of absolute requirement in the satisfactory study of the others following: but because his appreciation of the latter will be so high that he cannot refrain from reading all that precedes, and he will certainly read again with avidity and with augmented profit, the terminal four above indicated.

A TREATISE ON NERVOUS DISEASES, their Symptoms and Treatment, by Samuel G. Webber, M.D., Clinical instructor in Nervous Diseases, Harvard Medical School, Boston. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Toronto: Williamson & Co.

This work presents in a small compass the essential points as to etiology, symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of nervous diseases. The author's style is plain and pointed. He appears to say just what is necessary and no more: few books being found with less padding than this one. The work is intended for the use of the general practitioner, and we believe the writer has made a valuable addition to the literature of the subject, being sufficiently limited to render it handy for easy reference. It is not intended for specialists, many parts being greatly condensed. One of its best features is the condensation of the anatomy and physiology of the nervous organs found in the second chapter, and which must prove very useful to the general practitioner who has not time to keep himself fresh on these difficult and intricate subjects. The introductory remarks, as to the methods of testing sensation and motion will be of very great service to those who have not had the opportunity of devoting much time to the study of nervous diseases. The book is carefully and thoughtfully written and will repay a careful

perusal by students and men who are doing a general practice.

THE MANAGEMENT OF LABOR AND OF THE LYING-IN PERIOD, by Henry G. Landis, A.M., M.D., Professor of Obstetrics in Starling Medical College, etc., 8vo. pp. 334. Philadelphia: Lea Bros. & Co., 1885. Toronto: Williamson & Co.

This addition to obstetrics appears in a very attractive form, the typographical appearance being excellent. The author is clear and concise, and we have no doubt the work will be of value to the young practitioner. It supposes an acquaintance with "the anatomy and physiology of the parts involved, and of the mechanism of labor," and is intended simply as a "guide to practice." The result is that it is nearly useless to the student, while it cannot rank as a treatise which an experienced practitioner would care to consult. The *raison d'être* of the book is not therefore very apparent. The subject matter is all good, and the opinions expressed entirely orthodox; but nothing new has been brought forward. It may save time in referring to larger treatises for simple facts without details.

GRIP FOR 1886.—*Grip* Publishing Co., Toronto: This is the 13th year of publication of Canada's Comic Journal. Improvements are promised for the current year in the way of increase in size, alteration in style and improved facilities for the production of cartoons. The price will remain the same. The CANADA LANCET and *Grip* for 1886 will be supplied for \$4.50.

### Births, Marriages and Deaths.

On the 27th of Nov., Jacob Smith, M.D., of Ridgetown, Ont., in his fifty-fifth year.

On the 1st Dec., C. J. Philbrick, F.R.C.S., E. C.S., of this city in his 70th year.

On the 7th Dec., W. C. Edmondson, M.B., of Oshawa, aged 29 years.

On the 10th Dec., Chas. E. Cotton, M.D., of Cowansville, Que., aged 69 years.

On the 15th Dec., S. Cory, M.D., of Stamford, in his 81st year.