

work. And Miss Blanche L. MacDonell gives us a very neat and well-written exposition on "French Canadian Superstitions," a subject that should stir up the hearts and minds of men during this present age of common-sense and materialistic views. We often wonder that this journal is not more widely read in Canada, which has very many seekers after information in its midst, and we assure them that Appleton & Co. supply a want that is filled by no other publication.

A Text-Book of the Diseases of the Ear. By DR. JOSEF GROBER, Professor of Otology in the University of Vienna, etc. Translated from the Second German edition, and edited with additions by EDWARD LAW, M.D., C.M. Edin., M.R.C.S. Eng.: Surgeon to the London Throat Hospital, for Diseases of Throat, Nose and Ear; and COLEMAN JEWELL, M.B. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., late Surgeon and Pathologist to the London Throat Hospital. With 165 illustrations, and 70 coloured figures on 2 lithographic plates. Second American Edition. New York: D. Appleton & Co., 1, 3 and 5 Bond St. Canadian agency: 63 Yonge St., Toronto. Cloth, \$6.50.

A review of the English edition of this work appeared in our January issue.

An Illustrated Encyclopædic Medical Dictionary, being a dictionary of the technical terms used by writers on medicine and the collateral sciences, in the Latin, English, French and German languages, by FRANK P. FOSTER, M.D., editor of the *New York Medical Journal*, with the collaboration of many eminent American authorities. Vol. IV. with illustrations. New York: D. Appleton & Co.

There are dictionaries and dictionaries, encyclopædias and encyclopædias, but none have or should have such an interest for the medical profession as this Encyclopædic Dictionary. Pronunciations, derivations and synonyms in different languages—Latin, English, German and French—are given in their entirety, and in their several lines nothing is left to be desired. Many articles described are profusely and well illustrated, giving the reader a much clearer idea of the meaning to be conveyed than any text could do. The value of such a work depends upon its accuracy, its convenience of arrangement, and its comprehensiveness, and in this work Dr. Foster, with his collaborateurs, seems

to have struck the exact point. Like all extensive works, the print in explanation is small but clear. The words being heavily leaded, and the paper being excellent, there is no weariness in reading. We have before us the fourth volume extending from Minj. to Z, which certainly keeps up the general excellence of the former ones. The publishers are to be congratulated.

An American Text-Book of Gynecology, Medical and Surgical, for the use of students and practitioners. By Henry T. Byford, M.D., John M. Baldy, M.D., Edwin Cragin, M.D., J. H. Etheridge, M.D., Wm. Goodell, M.D., Howard A. Kelly, M.D., Florian Krug, M.D., E. E. Montgomery, M.D., Wm. R. Pryor, M.D., Geo. M. Tuttle, M.D. Edited by J. M. BALDY, M.D. Forming a handsome royal 8vo. volume, with 360 illustrations in text, and 37 coloured and half-tone plates. Price, cloth, \$6.00; sheep, \$7.00; half Russia, \$8.00. W. B. Saunders, 925 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

In this gynecological age in the period of medical science, a new work in that line is always acceptable.

Dr. J. M. Baldy, with his collaborateurs, has in this edition done some considerable service to the profession generally, by giving it a work complete, and yet unique in its qualities. Here are found no useless discussions, and no matter that is not of advantage to the student, meaning thereby any reading practitioner. There is no prolonged wading through pages to get at the kernel of the discussion, and one easily finds exactly the information wanted on any portion of gynecology. Two new chapters have been added to those usually given—the first, on "Technique of Operations," with points on the operating-room; surgeon, his assistants and nurses; instruments, ligatures and dressings; with very excellent photo-engraving plates of each part. One thing he lays down strenuously, and one which should have strong notice from the profession is this: "The gynecologist has no right to conduct *post mortem* examinations or handle pathological specimens." If this were adhered to, we should have many less deaths in the work.

In the second, on "After-treatment," the condition of the body generally, of the stomach and of the diet, receives special attention, while general dressing is given a good report.

The book is printed in clear type, on excellent