

given of mycosis fungoides and actinomycosis, neither of which diseases appeared in the former editions. The conclusions reached by the latest investigators in symptomatology, diagnosis and etiology treatment have been added to the volume.

The illustrations are excellent and in general we must say this edition fully merits the support and consideration given its predecessors.

Skin Diseases of Children. By GEORGE HENRY FOX, A.M., M.D., with twelve photogravure and chromographic plates and sixty illustrations. Pp. 166. New York: William Wood & Co.

A series of illustrated articles on certain skin diseases which occur in infancy and childhood, appeared in the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and Children*, and are now published in book form. Some additions have been made to most of them and as the work now stands it will be found to be one of the most useful treatises on the subject that has appeared, one of which will be useful to every practitioner.

We observe with pleasure that the metric system of measures has been adopted in the formulæ recommended in the book. The illustrations are excellent.

Hutchison and Rainy's Clinical Methods. Clinical methods, being an introduction to the practical study of medicine. By ROBERT HUTCHISON, M.D., M.R.C.P., Demonstrator of Physiology in London Hospital Medical College, and HARRY RAINY, F.R.C.P., F.R.S.E., University Tutor in Clinical Medicine, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. Handsome 12mo, 562 pages, 137 engravings and 8 colored plates. Cloth, \$3. Lea Brothers & Co. Philadelphia and New York.

Although the author modestly disclaims that the book is a clinical diagnosis, yet as a matter of fact it is so, for it describes those methods of clinical investigation by which the proper application, and correct diagnosis can alone be arrived at.

The work includes chapters on case taking; general condition and appearances as applied to the alimentary system and the abdomen; circulatory system; the blood; respiratory system; the urine; the skin; the nervous system; eye; ear; throat; nose; locomotory system; clinical examination of children; examination of pathologic fluids; clinical bacteriology.

The work is finely illustrated and has an excellent index.

Spinal Caries. By NOBLE SMITH, L.R.C.P., London. Second edition; pp. 153. Smith Elder & Co., 50 Waterloo Place, London. 1897. Price 5s.

This is a practical treatise on inflammatory diseases of the spinal column. It is accurate, pains-taking and up to date. The work is a valuable addition to surgical literature. This edition, while very little changed from its predecessor, has been improved by the correction of some errors and description of new instruments. The methods of supporting the diseased spinal column are thoroughly and wisely discussed.

Mastoid Abscesses and Their Treatment. By A. BROCA, M.D., Paris, and F. LEBET-BARBON, M.D., Paris; translated by HENRY J. CURTIS, B.S., M.D., London; pp. 268. H. K. Lewis, 136 Gower St., London. 1897. Price 6s.

This volume is a translation of a memoir on suppurations of the mastoid process and their treatment, which was originally published in 1895 after having been awarded the Meynot prize by the French Academy of Medicine. The eleven colored illustrations are from Mr. R. J. Godlee's paper of the "International Clinics," volume 2, 6th series. The work is an excellent one, both in the original and in the translation, but for an American reader it was really unnecessary to translate the Centigrade scale into the Fahrenheit.

The Medical News Visiting List for 1898. Seal grain leather, \$1.25. Thumb-letter index, 25 cents extra. Philadelphia and New York: Lea Brothers & Co.

This visiting list is published in three forms: the weekly list, dated for thirty patients; the monthly, undated, for 120 patients per month; the perpetual, undated, for thirty patients weekly per year. The list contains much data of use to the physician and many blank pages. Each style is a well-shaped book with pocket, pencil and eraser.

Proceedings of the Seventh Annual Meeting of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States at Columbus, Ohio, May 25, 26 and 27, 1897. Edited by JAMES E. PILCHER, M.D., Captain Medical Department U. S. Army. Pp. 694. Columbus, Ohio: Erwin Printing Company. 1897.

This volume includes the minutes of the meeting, reports of the various officers and the papers read at the annual meeting.

It is only fair to the editor to say that this work is not only larger than its predecessor but very much better printed and better edited.

The Society is flourishing and every qualified officer in the National Guard should become a member.

The New Mexico Medical Society. Sixteenth annual meeting held at Albuquerque, N. M., May 12 and 13, 1897. Paper; pp. 12.

This is a report of the sixteenth annual meeting, and also contains a brief history of the Society, lists of officers and members, and the by-laws of the Society.

MISCELLANY.

"The Laryngoscope."—Beginning January, 1898, a foreign edition of *The Laryngoscope* will be published by John Wright & Co., London, England.

A Medical College Burned.—The Tennessee Medical College, Knoxville, Tenn., was burned December 3. The building was comparatively new and cost \$25,000, contents \$12,000.

Hospital for Cornell.—William R. Sage of Ithaca and Dean Sage of Albany have presented to Cornell University the residence of the late Henry W. Sage for a students' hospital and besides equipping it will endow it with \$100,000.

Foreign Medical Students at Paris.—The recent regulations restricting the privileges of the Ecole de Médecine have all been rescinded, and the old order of things restored. Foreigners can now enter and matriculate as in the past.

Compliment to Professor Senn.—A public reception was given to Prof. Nicholas Senn, on December 8, at the Newberry Library, in recognition of his generosity to that library through donations he has made. The medical profession of the city were invited and largely attended. Nearly every physician of prominence was present. Speeches were made by President W. B. Blatchford, Dr. Fernand Henrotin and Professor Senn. The occasion was a memorable one in connection with library movement in Chicago.

Cerebral Complications of Actinomycosis have been observed by Bourquin and Quervain, a meningitis and encephalitis, which are invariably fatal, as the parasite always continues its invasion. Treatment with potassium iodid is ineffectual at this secondary stage of the disease. The symptoms are those of other cerebral abscesses or chronic lesions of the brain.—*Jour. de Méd. et de Chir.*, October 25.

Large Bequests to Massachusetts Charities.—Many worthy institutions in Boston are remembered in the will of Eliza Ann Collins, widow of Jeremiah Collins, which was filed for probate in Dedham in November. The Home for Aged Couples and the Home for Aged Women, Boston, will each receive \$10,000; Perkins Institution for the Blind and Massachusetts Charitable Ear and Eye Infirmary, Boston, \$5,000 each; Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, \$15,000; and the Home for Aged Men, \$10,000.

Total Abstinence and Life Insurance.—Emory McClintock, a life-insurance actuary, has made a very careful examination of the records of all policy holders of his company, classifying them as abstainers and non-abstainers. The main results of his examination are summed up by him as follows: "Upon those who on entering stated that they abstained from alcoholic beverages the maximum expected loss was \$5,455,669 and the actual loss was \$4,251,050. Upon those who stated otherwise the maximum expected loss was \$9,829,462, and the actual