

*Our Temperaments: their Study and their Teaching. A popular outline.* By ALEXANDER STEWART, F.R.C.S. With illustrations. London: Crosby, Lockwood, and Co. 1887.

In forming an estimate of this book, it must be continually borne in mind that it only professes to be a popular outline. If, instead of this, it be criticised as a scientific treatise, the medical reader will be disappointed.

An ingenious attempt is made to group the forms of faces under such classes as the square, the tapering, the oval (long and broad), the semi-oval, the oblong, and the melancholic face. Interesting illustrations are given from Lodge's Historical Portraits, and no doubt these forms may be made to comprise the various outlines of the human face. Whether, however, they are associated with a distinct mental characteristic is a much more difficult question. That facial forms mean something, and that the temperaments, when rightly understood, are correlated with very different tendencies of mind, may be allowed, but we fear we are yet far from the sanguine conclusion of the author that all will become familiar with their temperaments and their associated mental qualities, and that they will not only find guidance in forecasting the action of those they may have to deal with, but make themselves and others happier by greater tolerance of the different ways of those who differ from them in temperament (p. 389). Notwithstanding this hesitation, we commend Mr. Stewart's work as one containing much interesting information on a subject in regard to which medical psychologists ought to be well informed. Whatever can be brought together bearing upon the relation between the features and the character is valuable.

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*The Healing Art; or, Chapters upon Medicine, Diseases, Remedies, and Physicians, Historical, Biographical, and Descriptive.* Two Vols. London: Ward and Downey. 1887.

The anonymous author of this work has exercised not a little industry in its preparation, for it is a history of medicine from the time of Hippocrates to our own times. It will be found a very useful compilation, and medical men will do well to procure it for reference, even if their busy lives do not allow them to read it from cover to cover.

The information given respecting the apothecaries may be