

many ways the writer of the former has the pleasanter task, as he is bound by no hard and fast lines, and can divide his subject as he pleases.

Dr. Clouston has been a lecturer on disorders of the mind for years, and has won a high position from his eminently practical and useful teaching; and both old students at Edinburgh and others will be glad to have so pleasantly placed before them the ripe experience of a practised teacher.

The book is handy in shape, clear in type, pleasant in style, and characteristic of the author. It consists of nineteen lectures, which range from the clinical study of "mental diseases" to the legal and social relationship of both patient and doctor.

We shall later discuss the subjects handled and the general divisions followed. And we shall not be altogether satisfied with the introduction of new terms, which cannot be considered as final expressions of the knowledge of insanity, and add, we think, still more to the burdens of psychological terminology. In the meantime, we trust our readers will study the book and compare their judgment with ours.

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*The Extra Pharmacopœia of Unofficial Drugs and Chemical and Pharmaceutical Preparations.* By WILLIAM MARTINDALE, F.C.S. *With References to their Use Abstracted from the Medical Journals and a Therapeutic Index of Diseases and Symptoms.* By W. WYNN WESTCOTT, M.B. 2nd Ed. London: H. K. Lewis, 1884.

One of the chief features of the progress of medicine in recent years has been the advance in therapeutics. Not merely is there a constant in-pour of new drugs, but owing to experimental investigation, their actions are more precisely known than were the actions of the most frequently used medicines twenty years ago. To those who wish for a very concise account of what has been done of late in this department the little book before us is a treasure.

The arrangement is alphabetical. All the new drugs and nearly all the old ones are to be found with terse statements of pharmaceutical and medicinal properties and non-official formulæ. The very brief abstracts from medical journals, which represent an enormous amount of work, are well done, and are valuable besides for reference.

The first edition was exhausted in a few weeks. We advise all our readers to possess themselves of a copy.