ESSENTIALS OF MATERIA MEDICA, THERAPEUTICS, AND PRESCRIPTION WRITING. By HENRY MORRIS, M.D., Fellow of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, etc. Sixth edition, thoroughly revised by W. A. BASTEDO, PH.G., M.D., Tutor in Materia Medica and Pharmacology at Columbia University (College of Physicians and Surgeons), New York, etc. Philadelphia, New York, and London: W. B. Saunders & Co., 1904.

THIS little book bears evidence of careful revising and should be useful for a review of the subjects treated therein. We imagine, also, that examiners may find it convenient in framing papers. While it can never supplant the systematic text-book, for it lacks breadth and perspective, the care in compilation and conciseness of expression have made for it a field of usefulness of which its popularity is good evidence.

R. W. W.

MULTIPLE PERSONALITY, AN EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE NATURE OF HUMAN INDIVIDUALITY. By BORIS SIDIS, M.A., Ph.D. (Harvard), and SIMON P. GOODHART, Ph.B. (Yale), M.D. New York: D. Appleton & Co., 1905.

THIS book is interesting but unsatisfying. One takes it up hoping to have solved one of the greatest problems of psychology and having read it is no wiser than before. One hundred and fifty-three pages are taken up with the history of one case. This is interesting reading, but one feels he is at the mercy of the intellectual accuracy of the patient, and people who pass through such experiences as he did are not always accurate in their statements. There is growing up a school of mystical materialism, if one may couple two words so apparently contradictory, and this book seems to belong to that school. It is very interesting, but "the nature of human individuality" is not explained by it.

C. W. B.

BEAUTY THROUGH HYGIENE. By EMMA E. WALKER, M.D. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co., 1904.

THIS volume, one of the *Woman's Home Library* series, is a collection of clearly written articles on "Common-sense Ways to Health for Girls," as the title-page announces. To readers of a prominent magazine for women portions of the book will seem familiar, but certain truths bear repeating, and in this case Truth and Beauty are indeed one. While probably few women would have the time, and fewer still the patience to carry out all the doubt-

less valuable suggestions contained in these pages, yet most of the advice is worth taking, and ought to appeal not only to the woman reader, but also to those who have the guidance of young girls who are at the age when the formation of daily habits of personal hygiene is most important.

J. P. G.

DISEASES OF THE LIVER, GALL-BLADDER, AND BILE-DUCTS. By H. D. ROLLESTON, M.A., M.D. (Cantab.), F.R.C.P., Physician to St. George's Hospital, London; Formerly Examiner in Medicine in the University of Durham; and Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, England. Fully illustrated. Philadelphia, New York, and London: W. B. Saunders & Co., 1905.

THERE have been many good books written on the liver—Glisson in the seventeenth, Bianchi in the eighteenth, Frerichs, Budd, and Murchison in the nineteenth centuries. Of modern works, that of Frerichs, issued in 1858 and reproduced in the New Sydenham Society's publications, has remained without rival in any language, and now this treatise of Rolleston's easily takes a place beside it. There has not been for years issued from the press so comprehensive and accurate a consideration of the diseases of an important organ. In every way it will rank as a masterpiece, and reflects the highest credit upon British medicine. Dr. Rolleston has been a well-known student of diseases of the liver, but very often the special concentration on a subject unfits a man for a wide view of its problems. But this is in every way a model work, showing an unusually large personal experience with a range of reading quite unusual, even in these days of accurate bibliography. It would be difficult to mention a recent work which represents so truly the cosmopolitan character of medicine. Tribute has been collected from every country, and had Dr. Rolleston been a Frenchman, a German, or an American he could not have shown greater familiarity with the native literatures. American contributions to the subject are most fully and satisfactorily represented. It is remarkable how familiar the author is with the writings of physicians on this side of the water.

It is difficult to select a special section for commendation where all are so good, but the concluding chapter on cholelithiasis, extending over some seventy pages, may be referred to as a model of its kind. The subject is treated with great fulness, and equal consideration given to the medical and surgical sides of the many problems which are at present before the profession.

The writer's style is admirable, clear, and to the point, and his judgment on questions is enforced by an evident desire for fairness. The work should appeal to a large class of readers. It will take its place on the book-shelves of every careful practitioner who wishes