The Management of a Nerve Patient. By ALFRED T. SCHOFIELD, M.D. 12mo, pp. xii, 267. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son & Co. 1906.

In the volume before us, the writer returns to the text from which he has been preaching for several years, — the importance of mental treatment of disease, of a study of the personality of the patient and of the influence of the personality of the physician. The details of the treatment of the neurasthenic are given with great prolixity, even to the minutest particulars of the reception of the patient in the physician's office. The work contains nothing new, is more than prolix and dwells upon the commonplaces that should be familiar to every physician, yet it is a lamentable fact that there are a very large number of physicians who neglect or are ignorant of these banal methods of professional conduct, and who would be decidedly benefited by taking counsel from this and the other volumes of the author.

Laboratory Guide in Experimental Pharmacology.

By CHARLES W. EDMUNDS, A.B., M.D., Instructor in Pharmacology in the University of Michigan, and ARTHUR R. CUSHNEY, A.M., M.D., Professor of Chemistry in University College, London, and late Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics in the University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, Mich.: George Wahr. 1905.

This work consists of directions for the course in pharmacology given to the students of the University of Michigan. There are detailed instructions for the use of anesthetics to animals, the application of certain drugs or their active principles to animals, to show their physiological action; there are full directions for making extracts, fluid extracts, tinctures, emulsions and pills, and brief statements regarding the chemistry of some of the more important drugs. The plan of instruction is systematic and thorough, and we are convinced that a student who has conducted the experiments and followed the directions given will have a useful knowledge of pharmacology. The book should receive recognition by teachers of this subject in other medical schools.

Compend of the Diseases of the Skin. By JAY F. SCHAMBERG, A.B., M.D. Fourth edition, revised and enlarged, with 108 illustrations. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son & Co.

In the fourth edition of this compend of skin diseases, the author has made sundry additions and revisions, and has added extra chapters on actino-therapy and radio-therapy.

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A Manual of Physical Diagnosis, including Diseases of the Thoracic and Abdominal Organs. For Students and Physicians. By EGBERT LEFEVRE, M.D., Professor of Clinical Medicine and Therapeutics in the University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College, Attending Physician to Bellevue Hospital and to St. Luke's Hospital, New York. Second edition, thor-

oughly revised and much enlarged. pp. 479. Philadelphia and New York: Lea Brothers & Co. 1905.

In this new edition the author has brought his subject completely up to date. Some sections have been entirely rewritten, and many new illustrations have been introduced. The text and cuts are clear, and, on the whole, give to the student and physician a very adequate picture of normal and pathologic conditions and of their accompanying physical signs.

Saunders' Medical Hand Atlases. Atlas and Epitome of Diseases of the Skin. By DR. FRANZ MRACEK, Professor of Dermatology in the University of Vienna. Authorized translation from the German. Second edition, revised and enlarged. Edited by H. W. STELWAGON, M.D., Ph.D. With 77 colored plates and 50 halftone illustrations. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders & Co.

In this second edition of Mracek's Hand Atlas the author has, as he states in his preface, increased the number of colored plates and also the halftone cuts, so as to make it properly reflect the dermatology of to-day. His text has also been considerably revised. As was the case with the last edition, many of the illustrations are extremely good. If any criticism be ventured, it would be that in certain of the plates one is impressed by a rather too high scheme of coloring. The book is issued in a very convenient form, and will prove as useful for the needs of the general practitioner as many more elaborate and expensive atlases.

Treatise on Diseases of the Skin for the Use of Advanced Students and Practitioners. By HENRY W. STELWAGON, M.D., Ph.D. Fourth edition; thoroughly revised, with 258 illustrations in the text and 32 full page lithographic and halftone plates. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders & Co. 1905.

Dr. Stelwagon's textbook of diseases of the skin has reached its fourth edition in an almost incredibly short space of time. The present edition has been enlarged by an admirable description of the use of the Roentgen ray, high frequency current and concentrated light rays in diseases of the skin. There are a number of new cuts inserted in the text, most of them examples of the diseases most frequently encountered, others representing some of the rarer diseases. It is matter for congratulation that the colored plates taken from the Mracek "Hand Atlas," which appeared in the earlier editions, have been taken out and replaced by colored illustrations of the author's own cases. The Mracek colored plates, as was pointed out in a notice of the earlier editions, detracted from the appearance of the book. Dr. Stelwagon's own colored plates are much better; even here, however, there seems a suggestion of over-coloring. The book is, as has been said before, an admirable one, perhaps better suited for general use as a text-book than any now existing.