

BOOK REVIEWS.

The Practice of Dentistry. A Practical Treatise Upon the General Practice of Dentistry, Operative and Prosthetic, Exclusive of Orthodontic Practice. By LEO GREENBAUM, M. D., D. D. S., and MAX GREENBAUM, D. D. S. Philadelphia. Pp. 836, with 350 illustrations. D. Appleton and Company, New York and London, 1912. Price, \$6.00.

This practical treatise on general dentistry exclusive of orthodontic practice has been designed to meet the requirements of the active practitioner who often fails to post himself on the recent research and advanced methods, because he has neither the time nor the inclination to study the stereotyped text-books intended for beginners in dentistry.

The authors have spared no efforts to present in this volume an exhaustive yet concise record of the accepted advanced standards of dental practice.

The book is divided into two sections, the one comprising twenty-four chapters on operative dentistry, the other twelve chapters on prosthodontia.

The sub-classification is excellent, the typography and illustrations admirable, and the subject-matter is presented in terse form. This book is distinctly a credit to the authors and to the publishers.

A Modern Treatise on the Legal Rights, Duties and Liabilities of Physicians and Surgeons. By HUGH EMMETT CULBERTSON, of the Ohio and New York Bars, Contributing Editor to the Lansing, Ohio, "*Encyclopaedic Digest*," Notes on the American Decisions and Reports, and many other legal publications. Lea & Febiger, Philadelphia and New York. 1913. Price, \$3.00.

This treatise is written by a lawyer of experience and one who has an intimate association with medical men and medical practice. It deals with the duties, rights and liabilities of medical men toward the public as settled by law, and also of the legal relations of the regular profession to the practitioners of the many other schools now in vogue.

It is the duty of every doctor to inform himself concerning his relation toward the public and to his fellow-practitioners.

There are interesting chapters on compensation, the legal collection of fees, suits for mal-practice, criminal liability of the surgeon, the expert witness, collection of professional accounts, etc.

The well-established physician who has bought this knowledge in the costly school of experience will appreciate the value of this book and place it on his ready reference shelf.

Problem of Race-betterment. By J. EWING MEARS, M. D., LL. D. Philadelphia. Pp. 45. Wm. J. Dornan, Philadelphia, 1910.

This volume consists of a series of essays on the question of relief measures for certain forms of mental, moral and physical degeneration, for the prevention of that large number of defectives that lower our race standards and are a constant menace to future generations. The legal and medical aspects of reducing that large army of the unfit is also discussed.

The book is of value to the student of eugenics and can be read with profit by every thoughtful person.