

a bacteriologist, the author regards heat in one form or another, preferably in the vehicle of steam under pressure, as the most efficient and manageable germicide, although he describes and recommends other methods for special uses.

There is added a chapter on the precautions to be taken in the management of communicable diseases which contains definite and specific instructions for isolation and disinfection of clothing, apartments, and discharges. Nurses and others who have to do with infectious diseases and the problems of isolation and disinfection should be familiar with this book, which contains upon almost every page information of vital importance. H.

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF SETTLEMENTS. Compiled by Mrs. Caroline W. Montgomery for the College Settlements Association. To be obtained from the Secretary, Miss Mabel G. Curtis, 829 Boylston Street, Boston. Price, ten cents.

Those interested in the settlement movement and desirous of informing themselves as to its spread and scope will find this book valuable and instructive, as it gives the names and addresses of all the settlements in the country up to date, with an outline of the work attempted and the special features characteristic of each.

BOOKS TO READ TO PATIENTS

"A HOUSE-PARTY" is a collection of anonymous short stories edited by Paul Leicester Ford. A list of authors is appended, and the reader is invited to fit the stories and the authors together. While the book is amusing and some of the stories very well told and good for reading aloud, few show the individual touch, and with one or two exceptions the book might easily have been the work of a single writer.

"OLD TIME GARDENS," by Alice Morse Earle, is another of the charming Macmillan books. It seemed as if garden literature had been perhaps overdone, but here is one of the most complete books on the subject. Surely few Americans know of the abundance of beautiful and stately gardens in this country. The sketches of some of these indicate that they rival even the beautiful old English gardens, and at this time, with gardening catalogues blossoming in every mail, it is safe to say that many a new garden will be modelled upon the lines of some of these most lovable old ones.

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