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The Care of the Sick. By Annesley Kenealy (London: Allman & Son, Limited, 67, New Oxford Street). Price 3d. and 6d. This is an excellent little pamphlet, published under the auspices of The National Health Society, and may be read and appreciated by all classes. It is pithy and has no useless "padding," at the same time being quite comprehensive, and it does not make the great mistake, as is so frequently the case with books on Nursing, of trying to induce people to be their own doctors.

Symptoms and Physical Signs; a formulary for clinical note-taking, by William Ewart, M.D., F.R.C.P. London: Ballière, Tindall & Cox. 82 pages—price not given. This is a most complete little work, and one which must have cost the author a great amount of labour. Its value will be well appreciated by observing the elaborate order of arrangement and grouping of the various symptoms and signs to be looked for in connection with the disease or derangement of any organ, or set of organs. It is not by any means a text-book, but a handy guide for the student, and one which, if only perused with intelligence, will set his thoughts in the proper channel and give him innumerable chances of developing that most highly valued faculty—*personal observation*. The only drawback to the book is the absence of the title on its back edge.

Notes on Medicinal Remedies. By J. B. Stephenson (London: Ballière, Tindall & Cox). 72 pages. Price One Shilling and Sixpence.—What may have been the author's object in compiling this little work, it is impossible for us to say, but it is quite clear that its issue will be of very little practical use. Some men must write, and we suppose there is no law to prevent their names appearing in print. The book in question states many facts which may be gleaned from any ordinary work on *Materia-Medica* and *Therapeutics*; but, as we say, the value of these gleanings is not at all obvious. The work is a sort of hybrid between a very inferior manual of *Materia-Medica* and a treatise on "home-pharmacy." It is of no use to a medical student or druggist's apprentice, and less than useless to the average housewife.

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