

bolism are conservative and practical. In Volume III. the discussions on diphtheria, diseases of the ear, eczema, the enzymes and the development of the fetus are especially interesting and complete.

Volume IV. contains some excellent descriptions of diseases of the gall-bladder and the gastro-intestinal diseases of infancy. The chapter on gout is especially noteworthy, as is also the discussion of the physiology of the heart and its diseases. The cardiac neuroses are treated at some length.

These volumes are illustrated more fully than was Volume I. and already it may be said that the series is destined to become a very valuable one for handy reference. The valuable features are the concise and authentic descriptions and the full discussions of treatment.

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WE have had occasion in reviewing the first volume of this large enterprise to speak of its excellent character. In the succeeding volumes, three of which are before us, the impression is made more distinct and, furthermore, the practical character of the work is made more and more evident with each new volume. As stated in our earlier review the Encyclopedia Britannica seems to have been the model on which the present work is constructed. This has its advantages, as well as its defects, thus the more typically medical topics are discussed while information bearing on collateral branches is absent. The chief weight is laid on medicine and surgery. Anatomy and physiology are well represented, hygiene and general topics as well, but materia medica, as such, is conspicuous by its absence. Thus, the drugs digitalis, ergot, belladonna, etc., are not even mentioned.

In Volume II. the article on the brain is very well done. There is not too much of it and yet what there is, is distinctly modern and authentic. The articles on diet, climate, digestion and meta-