from the conventional descriptions hitherto in vogue, and give to the book much that is valuable and new. The volume closes with a short but satisfactory chapter on surface and surgical anatomy. The few defects as noted above are more than counterbalanced by the many points of excellence, originality, and scholarly temper which pervade this volume.

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This particular volume sets forth the essentials of dermatology. It is made a work of ready reference by an alphabetical arrangement of subjects, which we find extending from acne to xanthoma. A brief but lucid description of the pathology of the skin and its anatomy are also given. There is also a valuable table, classifying all of the skin lesions. These come under the heads of inflammations, hæmorrhages, hypertrophies, atrophies, new growths, neuroses, diseases of the appendages of the skin, and parasitic affections.

There are thirty-four engravings. The work would be of service to more men than would be willing to acknowledge that they had any use for so small a primer.

James P. Warbasse.