

of recovery. No rule can be laid down as to the length of the incision other than the general one,—that, the shorter it is, the less the mortality, and that, therefore, the primary incision should always be small, and extended afterwards as may be necessary, according to the exigencies of each particular case. If, after the operation is commenced, extensive adhesions should be discovered, either the complete abandonment of the intended extirpation, or the attempt to cause suppuration, and gradual contraction of the cyst, by means of a permanent external opening, are to be preferred to the division of the adhesions, and completion of the operation as originally designed.

XXXIV.—*Hand-book of Inorganic Chemistry* for the use of students. By WM. GREGORY, M.D., F.R.S.E., Professor of Chemistry in the University of Edinburgh, and author of “*Hand-book of organic Chemistry*.” Fourth American from the third English edition. To which is added the *Physics of Chemistry*. By J. M. SANDERS, M.D., L.L.D., etc. New York: A. Barnes & Co. 1857.

This well known book, by the eminent Professor of Edinburgh, has lately been issued by Messrs. Barnes & Co. of New York, with valuable addenda, by Dr. Sanders, on the cosmical forces, viz:—light heat, electricity and magnetism. Thus improved it constitutes a concise compendium, for the use of the student in inorganic Chemistry. For in the words of the publishers notice, “Perhaps no person has succeeded so admirably in the accomplishment of condensation, without the sacrifice of perspicuity, and this is what has rendered his work so popular, especially among those whose duty is to teach the science.” The American editor has also been fully aware of these desirable attainments, and in stating his texts has not allowed the wants and capacities of his readers to escape his watchful notice. And lastly, this volume has been brought out in good style, and, typographically, does credit to the press of the publishers.

## CLINICAL LECTURE.

(*From the London Medical Circular.*)

*On Some Cases of Hernia.* By EUSEBIUS LLOYD, Esq., F.R.C.S., Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

GENTLEMEN,—We have had so many cases of hernia in the hospital during the last three weeks, that I will bring some of them under your