

Currants and gooseberries in leaf on the 16th May. Wild strawberries in flower, 24th. Dandelion in flower, 23rd. Currants and gooseberries in blossom on the 24th. Lilac in blossom on the 3rd of June. Apples on the 4th. Chokecherries in blossom on the 6th of June.

The magnetic observations carried on at this Observatory, will form a separate paper for future publication.

Observatory, Isle Jesus, 22nd January, 1862.

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## REVIEW DEPARTMENT.

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ART. X.—*Lectures on the Diseases of Women.* By CHARLES WEST, M.D., F.R.C.P., Examiner in Midwifery at the Royal College of Surgeons of England, Physician Accoucheur to St. Bartholemew's Hospital, &c. Second American from the second London edition. Philadelphia: Blanchard & Lea. Montreal: Dawson & Son. 1861, 8vo., pp. 483.

There are few more conscientious writers at the present day than the author of the volume before us, certainly not one, who more candidly states the facts upon which his reasoning is based, unfettered by theory or authority, or who more faithfully lays down the plan of treatment advisable in a given case, or more justly appreciates its value. Dr. West's works, therefore, possess a peculiar value, as those of one imbued with a sincere love of his profession, the ideas expressed in clear and forcible language, imparting throughout a sentiment of truthfulness in exposition, intentionally perverting no facts from their legitimate influence, and therefore constituting safe guides of practice.

The work is compressed under thirty-three lectures, embodying a treatise on the most important diseases of the female sexual system, not immediately connected with parturition or pregnancy. Accordingly, after devoting the first two lectures to general considerations connected with his subject, we have the diseases of menstruation considered in the three following. Then follow, from lecture 6 to 13, the consideration of uterine diseases whether dependent on inflammation chronic or acute, hypertrophy, and misplacements of the uterus, vagina, bladder or rectum. Uterine tumours and outgrowths form the subjects of lectures 14 to 18. Lectures 19 to 21 are devoted to the elucidation of malignant affections of the uterus, their pathology, symptoms, diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment. These are succeeded by nine lectures, (22 to 30) in which are detailed all the peculiarities of the various most important diseases of the uterine appendages, with their treatment, &c.; while finally the 31st lecture is devoted to "diseases of the female bladder," the 32nd to "diseases of the urethra and vagina," and the 33rd to "diseases of the external organs of generation."

We have thus embodied in this series of lectures, one of the most valuable treatises on the diseases of the female sexual system unconnected with gestation, in our language, and one which cannot fail, from the lucid manner in which the various subjects have been treated, and the careful discrimination used in deal-