

X.—*Fracture Tables*. By FRANK H. HAMILTON, A. M., M. D., &c., with a Supplement compiled from Dr. Hamilton's notes. By John Boardman, A. B. Jewett, Thomas & Co., 1853. Pp. 36.

We thank the author for his politeness and attention in forwarding us a copy of the above pamphlet. It comprises an analysis of 461 cases of fractures, which are so tabulated as to give the name of the bone, point of fracture, character of fracture, initials of patient, age, time since it occurred, united or not united, amount of shortening, perfect or imperfect. In addition to these are foot notes of special fractures, and some few general observations of interest. It will thus be seen to comprise a large body of evidence on different subjects connected with fractures, and which by some little trouble could be worked up to much advantage. We have looked closely into it and are rather astonished at some of the conclusions it has afforded. Thus of 41 fractured clavicles—union was only perfect in 15 and imperfect in 26, there being  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches shortening in 2, 1 in. in 2,  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. in 2,  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. in 14,  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. in 3, and extent not stated in 3—an amount of deformity which we trust will be prevented in future, by the use of modern inventions, as the adjuster, which was figured and described in a late number of the Chronicle. Of 73 fractures of the Tibia and Fibula, union was imperfect in 50, in some the broken leg united shorter than the other by an inch, and half an inch of difference in favor of the sound leg seems quite common. Every surgeon interested in the subject should be in possession of Dr. H.'s statistics and a perusal of them will shew that they have been collected with care and assiduity and fill up some voids which existed in previous ones of a similar nature. Thus Lonsdale's table only gave the comparative frequency of fractures in different bones, while Dr. Wallace's which was made up from 197 cases treated in the Pennsylvania Hospital from 1757 to 1838, was confined to the number admitted and cured: days required for cure: died from immediate effects of injury: died subsequently: terminated by amputation: removed while under treatment.

XI.—*Address to the Graduates in Medicine at the University of Buffalo*, April 27, 1853. By FRANK H. HAMILTON, A.M., M.D., &c. Jewett, Thomas & Co. Pp. 15.

This is a sound practical valedictory and much to be admired for the sterling honesty of its precepts and for the bold uncompromising style in which they have been written. The author has evidently taken a just view of men and things in his experience with the world, and we sincerely hope that his exhortation will produce a lasting impression on the minds of his hearers and readers.