

paper from the pen of Dr. Pancoast, Professor of descriptive and surgical anatomy in the Jefferson Medical College, on the Surgical considerations in regard to the propriety of an operation for the separation of these celebrated twins, based on the above post mortem. His opinion is decided—operation after they attained maturity was an impossibility; if ever it should have been performed, the time was in their infancy, but on this point his opinion is not definite. Dr. Hutcheson contributes an interesting paper on Adenoid(Hodgkins)Disease, with an analysis of fifty-eight cases, and the history of a case recently under his immediate care. The blood of this patient showed a slight excess of white corpuscles, and this condition was believed to have continued up to death, although no analysis was made immediately antecedent to death. In connection with a case of this disease contributed to the last issue of this journal by Dr. Bessy of Montreal, we have read this paper with much interest. Perhaps the next most interesting paper is one by Dr. Forbes, Surgeon to the Philadelphia Episcopal Hospital on a case of Acute Tetanus, successfully treated by nitrate of amyl inhalations, commencing with three drops twice a day and then to five drops. The origin of the disease was a severe burn from a hot iron, extending from his waist to his heels, his buttocks being most severely burned. The tetanic symptoms set in on the 5th day; and were well marked on the 6th day. The inhalation of the amyl seemed from the very first to have a controlling effect on the spasms, which, however, do not seem to us to have been very numerous. The convalescence was tedious, it being the forty-sixth day from the attack before he was pronounced thoroughly convalescent. The transactions contain other interesting communications which space will not allow us to notice. It is published by Lindsay & Blakiston at \$2.50 per volume. It can be ordered from them, and can be received through the Post Office.

ANNUAL REPORTS ON DISEASES OF THE CHEST, under the direction of Horace Dobell, M. D., Consulting Physician to the Royal Hospital for diseases of the chest, London; assisted by numerous and distinguished coadjutors in different parts of the world. Vol. 1, June 1st, 1874, to 1st June, 1875. London, Smith, Elder & Co., Waterloo Place.

Dr. Dobell has favored us, through the post, with the above volume, which we have glanced over with a good deal of care, and we willingly admit that

through his various coadjutors he has amassed a very considerable amount of information, much of which is valuable; still there is observable, more in some portions than in others of course, but still almost everywhere evidences of want of skill in collating the material, and in this way valuable space is occupied unnecessarily. This fault is one which will doubtless be less observable in future reports, for the experience which the coadjutors have gained by this first volume, will come to their aid. While making this observation it is perhaps but right we should mention that some at least of Dr. Dobell's correspondents accepted the position but a few months previous to the issuing of the work and so had little time to revise their labors. The Report from the Dominion of Canada was made by Dr. R. P. Howard of Montreal, and we cordially endorse the selection. Indeed none better could have been made. The consulting coadjutors in Canada were Dr. Fulton, Toronto, and Dr. Fenwick and Dr. Francis W. Campbell, Montreal—all being connected with Canadian Medical Literature. Selections are made from the Canada Medical Record, Canada Medical and Surgical Journal and the Canada Lancet, and Dr. Howard's admirable paper on "Objections to some of the recent views upon the Pathology of Tubercle and Pulmonary Consumption," as read before the 1874 meeting of the "Canadian Medical Association," is published in full. The appearance which Canada makes is little if anything inferior to more pretentious places, but still we cannot help the thought, that a large amount of valuable material, relating to this important class of cases, is lost, not alone to the profession of Canada, but to the world, by the continued neglect of the mass of the profession in contributing to Local Medical Journals. Of the value of the present volume we are fully cognizant, and to all who desire to be thoroughly informed upon this subject, especially those who are in any way connected with Medical teaching, we strongly advise the purchase of these reports, which will continue to be published at the close of every year.

MONTREAL, March 10th, 1876.

The regular fortnightly meeting of the Society was held this evening in the rooms of the Natural History Society.

Dr. F. W. Campbell, the 1st Vice-President, in the chair. Present: Drs. Trenholme, Reddy, Ross, Wilkins, Bessey, Simpson, Gardner, Cline, Nelson, H. Howard, Roddick, Rourk, Angus Macdonell,