

# CURRENT MEDICAL LITERATURE

(In order to afford our readers a real means of learning what new books an new editions are being issued, we propose publishing such lists as follow from time to time. We would be glad if medical publishers would co-operate with us, so that these lists may be made as complete as possible.)

## **A Non-Surgical Treatise on Diseases of the Prostate Gland and Adnexa.**

By GEORGE WHITFIELD OVERALL, A. B., M. D., Chicago. Third edition, 1906. Published by the Rowe Publishing Co.

It was our privilege to review the first edition of this treatise in the NEWS of March, 1904, and now the third edition has been carefully perused. Our review of the first edition concluded with these words: "We trust that the experience of others following in a similar line will further prove the good results advocated by the author." Since that time we have followed to a considerable extent the author's method of treatment, particularly in chronic gonorrhœa and its sequelæ, and therefore are enabled to give an opinion of the results obtained. In a short paper read before the Medical Society of Nova Scotia in July, mention was made of the favourable results in treating cases of chronic urethritis and prostatitis along the lines laid down by Dr. Overall. Four months have transpired since that meeting, and increased experience has more fully convinced us of the therapeutic effects of electrolysis and cataphoresis in such cases. Our experience with electrolysis in stricture is somewhat limited, so no comment on that subject will be given at this time.

The author is obviously of an ingenious turn of mind. Not

only does he continue to improve his methods of treatment, but is constantly devising new instruments for diagnosing and treating localized lesions from the meatus to the bladder. The high frequency and high potential currents have been applied in the treatment of prostatic diseases evidently with success, judging from several published case reports in the book. With this method we have so far not had any experience.

Excellent results in cases of chronic prostatitis, where the gland had been much enlarged, have been achieved in our practice. This plan of treatment is so far superior in chronic cases to dilatation by Kollmann's instruments, applying strong irritants to localized patches, etc., that we have entirely discarded the latter method. Any physician taking special interest in the line of work referred to in Dr. Overall's book will be amply rewarded by following the details written therein.

## **INTERNATIONAL CLINICS: A Quarterly of Illustrated Clinical Lectures and Especially Prepared Articles on the Various Branches of Medicine.**

Edited by A. O. J. KELLY, A. M., M. D. Volume III, sixteenth series, 1906. Price \$2.00. Published by the J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia and London. Canadian Representative, Charles Roberts, Montreal.

Four articles under the heading of Treatment will be found of particular value in this volume, dealing as they do with every day cases.

"The Treatment of Acute Pleurisy," by A. A. Stevens, of