

the trains for home, and it was received without the council having time to inquire into its merits. Had it been presented earlier in the session, I do not doubt that the council would have done me justice, because I believe it contains many capable, honest, and faithful representatives, true to the trust committed to them. I have always been, and am yet, a strong supporter of the council, and believe it has been of great benefit to the profession; but I think there is great danger of a legislative body of its character becoming arbitrary in its enactments, and its methods assuming too much of the style of a modern "star chamber." No man can complain of being fairly and squarely defeated; but to feel that you have honestly won and then be deprived of your victory without any means of redress is, indeed, as you say in your editorial, "hard luck."

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## Book Notices.

*Transactions of the Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association.* Volume III. Third Session, held at Atlanta, Georgia, 1890.

This vigorous young society is doing excellent work. We understand that that high-minded and distinguished son of the "Sunny South," Dr. W. E. B. Davis, of Birmingham, Alabama, conceived the idea of such an organization, and its pronounced success is largely due to his indefatigable efforts. This third volume of its transactions contains many good papers and discussions. Among the authors are many of the brightest lights in America, such as McMurtry, Joseph Price, Warren Potter, Charles A. L. Reed, Reamy, Howard Kelly, Engelmann, Maury, Gaston, and others. This young association promises to do great things in the future for the "New South." We congratulate its able and large-hearted enthusiasts upon the brilliant success that has already crowned their efforts.

*Elements of Practical Medicine.* By Alfred H. Carter, M.D., London. Sixth edition. London: H. K. Lewis, 136 Gower Street, W.C., 1891.

This book, the constant friend of the English medical student, deserves to be better known

on this side of the ocean. Nowhere else within the same compass will be found such broad, truthful sketches of the various types of disease. What Walsham's work is to surgery, Carter's is to medicine.

*Manual of Physical Diagnosis for the use of Students and Physicians.* By James Tyson, M.D., Professor of Clinical Medicine in the University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co., 1891.

Dr. Tyson, so well known by his manual on the examination of urine, offers this little work on physical diagnosis, *not* to fill a long-felt want, but simply as the outcome of his teaching of the subject to students. It certainly can be recommended to students, combining, as it does, conciseness with sufficiency.

*The Physician's Visiting List.* Lindsay & Blakiston, for 1892. Forty-first year of its publication. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co., 1012 Walnut Street.

This is an admirable little pocket-book, well arranged, and very convenient in size and shape.

## Book Reviews.

*Surgery: Its Theory and Practice.* By William Johnson Walsham, F.R.C.S., Assistant Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Surgeon to the Metropolitan Free Hospital, London, etc. Third edition, revised and enlarged, with 318 illustrations. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co., 1012 Walnut St., 1891. Toronto: J. A. Carveth & Co.

The third edition, revised and enlarged, of "Walsham's Practical Surgery, 1891," has been placed in our hands, and, after a careful perusal of it, we do not hesitate to say that it ranks high among manuals, as well as many larger and more pretentious works. The book, on the whole, is fairly well up to the times, but on closing it the reviewer cannot help wishing that its pages were more abreast of the period. We shall briefly refer to a few practical points throughout the work, as examples of how we think it might be improved. In the well-written article on brain surgery, why refer to the crucial incision? It has nothing to commend it, whereas the verdict seems unanimous in favor of the semi-circular one. A favorable