

BOOK REVIEWS.

A RARE MEDICAL VOLUME.

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In my library, recently acquired is a book entitled *Via Recta ad Vitam Longam*, published at London 1620 by Dr. To. Venner. The greater part of the work relates to various domestic interests, e.g.—gardening, the care of orchards, etc. The type used is that of the German text, and the most pleasing and instructive medical parts of this relic are those that contain the theses or *Dissertationes* presented at graduation for M.D. degree. For example I give the title of the first one presented:

Dissertatio de

Circulatione Sanquinis in Animalibus Genitis et non genitis, Quam Auspice Deo, et Præsidente.

D. Archilbaldo Pitcairne, M.D. et in illustri Academia Lugd, Batav.
Medicinæ Practicae Prof.

Publicè defendam suscipit, Georgius Hepburne, Scotus.

Ad diem 6 Junii loco horisque sollicitis.

The second is:

Dissertatio de motu sanquinis per Vasa Minima.

The third is:

Diisputatio Medica inauguralis generalia circa oculi suffusiorum, guttam, serenam et inflammationem Ophthalmiam dictam complectans.

Publicè Examini subijcit.

Samuel Craddock Anglius.

The fourth is:

Disputatio Medica inauguralis de Febri Legitima seu Exquisita.

The imprimatur is,

Lugundi Batavorum.

apud Abr: Elzevier.

Academiae Typograpum M.D.C.XCIII., (1603).

The first part of work bears date of 1620.

I am carefully working out the translation of these theses and addresses and will present them as copy to Lancet. Treasures they are and afford startling evidences of ripe scholarship and able research worth endorsement and repetition by us.

That we M.D.'s have not changed in being easy marks or butterfly hunters—in fact are the same order of men—(etiam eruditissimi) as existed when these *dissertationes* were presented, is endorsed by the following taken from the text of second address: