

On Fracture of the Femur. By EDWARD BORCK, M.D., St. Louis.

This is a reprint of articles that appeared in the *St. Louis Medical and Surgical Reporter*. The author describes the various methods of treatment advocated by the most eminent surgeons, and compares them with the plan he adopts, which is the double inclined plane, with extension by means of a cord and weight attached to adhesive straps applied to each side of the thigh. The traction is made in a line with the femur as it lies on the double inclined plane. The best results are claimed for this method of treatment.

Habitual Drunkenness and Insane Drunkards.

By Dr. BUCKNILL, F.R.S. London and New York: McMillan & Co.; Toronto: Willing & Williamson, 1878.

This is a readable little book made up of articles that have appeared previously in the *Journal of Mental Science*, *The Contemporary Review*, and *The London Times*. It also contains a report of the author's inquiries &c., respecting the operation of Inebriate Asylums in America, and an address to a meeting of the Medico-Psychological Association, &c., &c. Dr. Bucknill's report on Inebriate Asylums in America, gave rise to many vigorous replies from indignant Americans, but in the preface of this little work he shows, that his report was based upon careful personal inquiry into the working of American Institutions, and upon information obtained from able and experienced American physicians.

Dr. Bucknill takes and defends the view that there are two kinds of drunkards, the habitual and the insane, and discusses the causes and treatment of each kind, and the duty of the State in the matter.

An Atlas of Human Anatomy, illustrating most of the Ordinary Dissections and many not usually practised by the Student, accompanied by an Explanatory Text. By RICKMAN JOHN GODLEE, M.S., F.R.C.S. Philadelphia: Lindsay & Blakiston, 1878.

We have received Part I. of this work, which is to be completed in twelve or thirteen

bi-monthly parts, folio size, each part containing four large plates—two figures in each plate, coloured—each plate faced by a page of references, and each part accompanied by an octavo part containing the explanatory text, forming, when complete, a large folio volume of plates and references and an octavo volume of from 300 to 400 pages of explanatory text. The price of each part, including plates and text, is \$2.50.

Of this work, by one who, in addition to occupying a very high reputation as an anatomist and a teacher, is a most skilful artist, we can speak in terms of the highest praise. The study of regional anatomy should form an important part of a student's course; and, outside of the dissecting-room, we know of no better guide to recommend students than these plates, which are excellent in every way. We trust the enterprise will meet with a success that will amply satisfy the author and publishers. Part I. shows dissections of the head and neck, each plate being faced by a page of references.

CANADIAN MEDICAL LITERATURE.—We are informed that a work on "Physiological Therapeutics," based on a new interpretation of physiological facts, will appear about the last of March. Dr. T. W. Poole, of Lindsay, is the author.

JOURNALISTIC.—We have received the first number of the *St. Louis Courier of Medicine and Collateral Sciences*, published monthly by the Medical Journal Association of Missouri, Dr. A. J. Steele, Editor; Dr. W. A. Hardaway, Associate Editor; and can heartily congratulate the editors on the appearance of their first issue.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.—Examiners in the Faculty of Medicine for the year 1879—Physiology and Comparative Anatomy, Dr. Osler, Montreal; Surgery and Anatomy, Dr. Malloch, Hamilton; Medicine and Therapeutics, Dr. Joseph Workman; Midwifery and Medical Jurisprudence, Dr. D. Clarke. Medicine and Arts—Chemistry, Dr. W. H. Ellis; Natural History, Dr. George Sedgwick Minot, Boston.