

of Arnold and Wickham concerning the endogenous cell formations, which the writers regard as merely invagination cells or leucocytes, and substantiate their views by reference to differential stains. In differentiating the parasite of the cancer cells from the other nuclei present, many staining fluids are employed. With hæmatoxylin and saffranin combined, the nucleus of the epithelial cell absorbs the saffranin, while that of the parasite takes on the hæmatoxylin stain; with hæmatoxylin and cochineal, the nucleolus of the epithelial cell stains blue, while that of the parasite becomes red. Such and many other differential points are mentioned in attempting to prove not only the presence of the parasite in the cell, but its distinguishing features and properties as opposed to the invagination forms of other authors. The subject of the etiological relation of the parasite to the disease is not dealt with, the writers awaiting the completion of their researches.

Obituary.

DEATH OF PROF. MARCUS BECK.—We regret to announce the decease of Professor Beck, Professor of Surgery at University College, London. The *Lancet* states that he had for years suffered from the affection (diabetes) which has carried him off in the height of his career, but he never allowed the consciousness of his grave condition to interfere with the discharge of his duty in the profession to which he was so keenly devoted. A fellow-student and former colleague writes:—“To those who knew him, Marcus Beck was a man of unique characteristics. Gifted with a ready facility of speech, at once apt, clear, incisive, attractive, and even fascinating by its vigorous originality, he was a clinical teacher of rare power, intelligible alike to the beginner and to the oldest student. No one could listen to him without gaining new knowledge, clearer views, and an impetus to think out the problems, practical and theoretical, which modern surgery presents.”