

Book Reviews.

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This young and vigorous society continues to do good work. Our readers will remember that we published a short report of this meeting, written by Dr. James F. W. Ross, in December last, and also the able address of Dr. Louis S. McMurtry, of Louisville, Ky., the distinguished president of the association—his subject being, "A Plea for Progressive Surgery." The success of the association is largely due to the untiring zeal and great executive ability of the secretary, Dr. W. E. B. Davis, of Rome, Ga. This volume is a credit to the society, the secretary, and the printer. Among the papers especially worthy of note, in addition to the president's address, before referred to, are one on "Complications in Pelvic and Abdominal Surgery," by Dr. Jos. Price, of Philadelphia; "A Medico-Legal Aspect of Pelvic Inflammation," by Dr. W. W. Potter, of Buffalo; "Hand Disinfection," by Dr. Howard Kelly, of Johns Hopkins, Baltimore; "The Pedicle in Hysterectomy," by Dr. J. S. Stone, of Washington; "Injury to the Pelvic Floor," by Dr. T. A. Emmett, of New York; "The Growth of Fibroid Tumors of the Uterus after the Menopause," by Dr. J. Taber Johnson, of Washington; "The Surgical Treatment of Anterior Displacements of the Uterus," by Dr. Charles A. L. Reid, of Cincinnati; "Thinness of the Uterine Wall during Pregnancy Simulating Extra-Uterine Fœtation," by Dr. Geo. J. Engelmann, of St. Louis; "The Removal of Necrotic and Carious Bone with Hydrochloric Acid and Pepsin," by Dr. Robert T. Morris, of New York; "Some Complications of Psoas Abscess," by Dr. J. McFadden Gaston, of Atlanta, Ga.; "The New Field in Abdominal Hysterectomy," by Dr. James F. W. Ross, of Toronto; "Acute Oophoritis Complicating Pregnancy," by Dr. Henry C. Coe, of New York; "A Case of Cholecystotomy for Stones in the Gall-Bladder and Cystic Duct, with Remarks on Gall-Stones," by Dr. W. E. B. Davis, of Rome, Ga.; and seventeen others. A full report of the various discussions is also given.

The Science and Art of Midwifery. By William Thompson Lusk, A.M., M.D., Professor of Obstetrics and the Diseases of Women and Children in the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, etc. New edition, revised and enlarged, with numerous illustrations. New York: D. Appleton & Co., 1892. Pp. xviii-761. Toronto: J. A. Carveth & Co.

This is an admirable work, well suited to the student and practitioner. Dr. Lusk is well known as an able, conscientious, and conservative workë in midwifery. He keeps thoroughly abreast of the times, and shows good judgment in choosing the best among new things, and throwing out the chaff. We have noticed that each edition after the first was an improvement on the preceding one. The fourth edition is certainly the best of the lot; and a comparison of it with its predecessor shows that a vast amount of labor has been expended, many changes have been made, and much new matter has been added.

Therapeutic Notes.

SULPHUR IN CHLOROSIS.—In the June number of the *Practitioner* we find an abstract of a paper by Professor Schulz, published in the *Berliner klinische Wochenschrift*, No. 13, 1892, in which he again draws attention to the value of sulphur in certain cases of anæmia. After alluding to the prominent part played by sulphur in the life of the cell—a part analogous to that of hæmoglobin in the blood—and to the excellent results obtained by the use of sulphur waters in malarial cachexia, he comes to these conclusions: (1) In cases of pure chlorosis in which iron proves inefficient, the general condition is decidedly improved by sulphur; (2) after the administration of sulphur has gone on for some time, treatment with iron can be commenced and continued with success; (3) in cases of chlorosis complicated with catarrhal and inflammatory conditions of the digestive tract, sulphur is not borne. Schulz relates a case illustrating the advantage of the sulphur treatment. The patient, a woman, thirty-four years of age, showed an extreme degree of anæmia, and had loud cardiac bruits. She complained of headache, giddiness, shortness of breath, palpitation, and complete loss of appetite, with pain in the epigastrium after food.