

work by Professor Kelly. We wish to say at once that this is a great work. When we bear in mind that appendicitis is by far the most important of the diseases of the abdomen; indeed, is one of the most important of the acute diseases to which man is subject, we can readily understand why these writers have given so much attention to this question. This work enters fully into the history of the disease, and takes up the anatomy and physiology of the appendix in a very clear and satisfactory manner. The bacteriology of appendicitis receives, as it ought, full consideration. The pathology and etiology of this malady are gone into carefully. The portion of the book devoted to symptomatology and diagnosis is particularly good; and this is very important. One turns, however, to the surgical treatment of appendicitis. Dr. Kelly states that: "Ideal time for operation in acute appendicitis is within the first few hours, and not later than the first twenty-four." The advantages of this course are: "It is safest, the operation is more easily done, the patient is spared days of suffering, the liability to recurrent attacks is obviated, and an early operation obviated the risk of hernia." These are weighty reasons. American and French surgeons take this view, while German and British surgeons are more conservative and lean towards delay with the view of avoiding operative treatment as frequently possible. The details of the operation are given with great minutiae. There is nothing about the whole subject which one does not find discussed in this work. We congratulate Professor Kelly and the publishers on the results of their efforts. Nor must we forget the artists, for the illustrations are superb. This work complies in every detail with the requirements laid down long ago by Morgagni that a book must be the outcome of many dissections and clinical observations, collected, compared and collated.

AN ATLAS OF DERMATOLOGY.

A work showing the appearances clinical and microscopical, normal and abnormal, of conditions of the skin. By Morgan Dockrell, M.A., M.D., Senior Physician and Chesterfield Lecturer on Dermatology to St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin. London, New York and Bombay: Longmans, Green, and Company; 1905; price, 50s, net.

This is a work specially intended to aid in the diagnosis of skin diseases. There is nothing said on the subject of treatment. The letter press description accompanying each plate is divided into remarks on the clinical and microscopical features of the disease portrayed in the plates. The plates, of which there are sixty, are beautifully executed. They give the conditions in the colors characteristic of the diseases. The work is got up in excellent form, the paper being of very fine quality, the printing very clear, and the binding substantial. The letter press and