

they are not as full in giving treatment as we would like. If the present volume fails in anything, it is on this point alone.

In closing this notice of these two volumes, we would especially call the attention of our subscribers to this work, which is being published by the well known firm of William Wood & Co., of New York. It cannot be purchased from any bookseller but must be subscribed for, when it will be sent direct from the publishing house. It is admitted, we believe, that when completed it will form one of the most valuable medical works of reference ever published, so that any really extensive medical library will not be complete without it. Volumes are issued about every three months, and the price is from \$5.00 upwards, according to the style of the binding. The typographical execution of these two volumes is everything which could possibly be desired, and reflects credit upon the house publishing them.

Volume four is on our table, and will be noticed next month.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE PATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF PHILADELPHIA. Volume fifth. Edited by James Tyson, M.D., Professor of Pathological Anatomy and Histology in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia: Printed for the Society by J. P. Lippincott & Co., 1876.

Without a very close and critical examination of this work, it is quite impossible to form a correct estimate of the value of the various cases which are briefly described, and which unfortunately terminated fatally, thus allowing the production of the morbid specimens. Still, however, the fact that a Society composed of such well known physicians permits them to appear in their transactions, is of itself considerable guarantee of their value. We look upon a volume of this character as being of especial value to Hospital Physicians, and those engaged in teaching Pathology at our various Medical Schools; to them we strongly recommend the work. Its range of subjects will be seen when we state that a large number of cases are described of diseases of the osseous system; of the organs of digestion; of the organs of circulation; of the organs of respiration; of the genito-urinary organs; of the nervous system; of the organs of special sense; diseases of the skin; of the ductless glands, besides many specimens not classifiable. Of one thing we are very sure, and that is, no one can even glance over this volume of about

two hundred and fifty pages, without being fully satisfied that the Physicians attached to the Philadelphia Hospitals work largely in the interests of our noble profession. We wish such was the case in all Hospitals, but we know too well it is not. A feature in this report is the recording of the valuable remarks which fall from the various members of the Society. Although attempted before, it was never so fully done as in this volume, and it enhances very much the interest attached to the various cases. Our own experience leads us to the belief that often the remarks called forth by a paper exceed the value of the paper itself.

The volume is well gotten up, and we have only one regret to express, and that is that a few of the illustrations are not exactly as good as we think they might have been.

INSANITY IN ITS MEDICO-LEGAL RELATIONS. By A. C. Cowperthwait, A.M., M.D. J. M. Stoddart & Co., 723 Chestnut st., Philadelphia; Dawson Bros., Montreal.

The manual on Insanity in its Medico-Legal relations has been issued at a very opportune moment, as the relations between the two professions are not of a nature always to command public confidence. Dr. Cowperthwait says quite truly, "it is enough for the lawyers to diagnose the crime, and leave the diagnosis to those who know something about it. Unfortunately this is not always done, and only recently in England this sort of thing was fully exposed. Upon two separate occasions the same lunatic was apprehended and imprisoned for robbery, and this was done in spite of the very best medical evidence in England. At last, owing to the urgent representation of his friends the man was removed to an asylum and died there shortly afterwards." The manual is somewhat short, but contains as much important and reliable information as a great many more pretentious works on the same subject.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF PHILADELPHIA. *Third Series, Volume 1st.* Philadelphia: printed for the College, 1875.—Lindsay & Blakiston, Publishers.

This volume contains several very interesting communications upon medical and surgical subjects—but is especially valuable as it gives at great length the autopsy which was made upon the celebrated Siamese Twins. At the close of the book we find a very able