

The remarks just made are not to be construed unfavorably towards the work of Dr. H.; so far from we ourselves judging it by them, we have pleasure in recording our deep sense of the merits of his writings. We have looked through them with feelings of gratification, and have come to the conclusion that they afford, for their extent, more information of the subjects that they treat of than any other with which we are familiar, and, for ordinary purposes, the practitioner or student will find in them every essential they can require. We strongly recommend our friends, the American publishers, to bring out a copy as early as possible.

V — *Surgical Reports and miscellaneous Papers, on Medical Subjects*
By GEO. HAYWARD, M. D., President of the Massachusetts Medical Society; Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; late Professor of Surgery in Harvard University, and one of the Consulting Surgeons of the Massachusetts General Hospital, pp. 452. Boston: Phillips, Sampson and Co. Montreal B. Dawson.

To one who has fulfilled well all the relative duties of life, retrospection cannot be other than an agreeable occupation. When a Physician has arrived at the "sere and yellow leaf" period of his existence, happy is he beyond computation, if with sincerity he can say, "I have faithfully performed my duty to my God—my patients and my profession; and we envy not the feelings of him, who, in looking back on a special life, cannot point to a single act performed with a view to advance the profession of which he is a member.

Dr. Hayward has collected into one volume the papers which, at different periods during a long and honorable career, were published for the information of his professional brethren. "They are now collected from a belief that some of them would be useful from the facts and tables they contain, and in the hope that all might be read with advantage by students and the younger members of the profession. It was even thought that they would perhaps be occasionally consulted by those somewhat advanced in practice, whose time was too much occupied to allow an examination of more extended works on the subject of which they treat. At any rate their revision and arrangement for the press have enabled me to review a professional life of forty years' continuance and thus furnished an agreeable occupation at a time when I did not feel capable of much mental effort."—(*Preface.*)

The chapter on statistics of the amputations of large limbs that have