

The meeting such men was one of the green-spots of that great Congress, and that he returned to England filled with pleasant memories of that gathering is proved by the fact that this last edition he has dedicated to his friend, Dr. Fordyce Barker of New York, whose courtesy to him is so delicately acknowledged. The author assures us that this edition has been conscientiously revised, and the labor which such a revision entailed must have been great, for the improvements in gynæcological medicine have indeed been most marked during the past few years. The size of the book has not been increased, yet by some pruning and a re-arrangement of matter, room has been found for a new chapter on the relations of Bladder and Bowel disorders to the proper subject matter of the book. Many new illustrations have also been added. To recommend such a work to the attention of our readers would seem almost superfluous. No Library can be considered complete without it.

*A Practical Treatise on Surgical Diagnosis, designed as a Manual for Practitioners and Students.* By AMBROSE L. RANNEY, A.M., M.D., Adjunct Professor of Anatomy and Lecturer on Minor Surgery, Medical Department of the University of New-York. New York, Wm. Wood & Co., 1879. Montreal, J. M. O'Loughlin.

This book is somewhat peculiar in its arrangement, yet that very peculiarity has much to do with the force with which it calls for recognition from the surgical world. Its title-page does not indicate by any means all that may be found within its pages, and indeed it would be a hard task to select one which would. It is in fact one of the most difficult books to notice which have fallen into our hands for a long time. The author is evidently a man of a thoroughly practical turn of mind, and has produced a volume very practical in its character. The arrangement of the work is the tabulated form, the principal symptoms of all the leading surgical diseases being arranged so as to read from above downwards, *only one-half of the page* being occupied. On the other half of the page, arranged in a similar manner, are the symptoms of the disease, with which it is apt to be confounded. In this way, the points of contrast are made to stand out most prominently. Below all, and arranged so as to read

across the entire page, are the symptoms common to both. In this way the possible causes of error in diagnosis are distinctly brought out. We commend this volume to our readers, especially those who are largely engaged in surgical practice. Once on their book-shelf we are satisfied that few others will be more frequently consulted.

*A Compendium of Diagnoses in Pathological Anatomy, with Directions for making Post Mortem Examinations.* By DR. JOHANNES ORTH, first Assistant in Anatomy at the Pathological Institute in Berlin, translated by Frederick Cheever Shattuck, M.D., and George N. Sabine, M.D.; revised by Reginald H. Fitz, M.D., Assistant Professor of Pathological Anatomy in Harvard University. Sole authorised English edition. New York, Hurd & Houghton; Boston, H. O. Houghton & Co.

This is a work, the value of which can only be properly appreciated after a thorough examination of its contents. Its author says its production is the result of a practical want which has long been felt, for, although the existing works on Pathological Anatomy are excellent, their scope includes too little of the practical details of the subject. In fact, with the exception of this volume, we are not aware of the existence of any book which contains comprehensive directions for making post mortem examinations, for recognizing pathological changes in the fresh organs, and for establishing a diagnosis. It will be seen at a glance that it is a book which should be perused by every medical man, especially by those in the country, who have not the assistance of skilled pathologists to make their post mortems. By its aid the manual part of the work can be done in a scientific manner, while the various changes met with in the structures, the result of pathological change, are described with a clearness, almost remarkable. We may add that the type used is sufficiently large as to be grateful to the eye, and, in the days of small print, this is no small advantage. The work can be ordered direct or through Messrs. Dawson Brothers.

*Hints in Obstetric Procedure.* By W. B. ATKINSON, M.D., Philadelphia. D. G. Brinton, 115 South 7th St.

The work before us is the second and revised