

## PERSONAL.

Dr. C. E. Nelson, of New York, and lately editor of the *Planet*, has become assistant editor of the *Eastern Medical Journal*, published in Worcester, Mass. We have had occasion to mention Dr. Nelson's name a good many times, and therefore it is unnecessary to add anything more at present. The name of Nelson is a prominent one in the Medical history of Montreal, and the representatives of the family abroad have not diminished its lustre. We wish him every success in his new office, and the *Journal* a long subscription list.

## REVIEWS.

*The International Encyclopedia of Surgery: A Systematic Treatise of the Theory and Practice of Surgery, by Authors of Various Nations.* Edited by JOHN ASHURST, Jr., M.D., Professor of Clinical Surgery in the University of Pennsylvania. Illustrated with Chromo-Lithographs and wood cuts. In six volumes. New York: William Wood & Co.

Vols. III., IV. and V. These volumes are large and attractive, and in every way are worthy of the success to which this truly great work has already attained. The articles are contributed by writers of wide reputation, giving in many cases a complete summary of the subjects upon which they treat. When complete they will form a valuable surgical library, as the important subjects with which they deal have not been condensed within the narrow limits usually given to text-books.

Volume III. is devoted to injuries and diseases of various tissues of the human body, muscles, tendons and fascia, Lymphatics. Injuries of blood-vessels, discussing hemorrhage, vascular inflammations and gangrenes, resulting from traumatic lesions. This very extensive article is from the pen of Dr. John A. Liddel, late Surgeon of Bellevue Hospital, &c., and contains the sum and substance of the treatment of such injuries. Dr. John A. Wyeth contributes the article on Surgical Diseases of the Vascular System. That on Aneurism, by Richard Barwell, F.R.C.S., is also an exhaustive treatise of great practical value. Injuries and Diseases of Nerves is by M. Nicaise, of Paris. The concluding article in the volume is by Dr. Edmund Andrews, of Chicago, on Injuries of the Joints, include Dislocations, Sprains and Wounds of the Articulations.

Volume IV. opens with a long and carefully digested article upon Injuries of Bones by Dr. John H. Packard, of Philadelphia. The various forms of fractures and modes of treatment are thoroughly discussed. Dr. Barwell, of London, on Diseases of the Joints, gives the different forms of synovitis; joint diseases due to osteitis, to syphilis and nerve disease. Dr. Ashurst, the able editor of this work, contributes the article on Excision and Resections; Dr. Fenwick, who was expected to furnish this article, having appended a chapter on his own method of excising the knee-joint. Tumors, by Henry T. Butlin, F.R.C.S. Injuries of the Back by John A. Liddel, and Malformations of Diseases of the Spine, by Frederick Welles, F.R.C.S., concludes this volume.

Volume V. The fifth volume of this truly great work fully equals, if it does not exceed, in interest the preceding numbers. A large portion of this volume is occupied by special surgery. There are fourteen articles, half the contributions emanating from the pen of English surgeons, the remainder being American.

The present issue of this large work is occupied with the surgery of the head and its parts, of the neck, chest, breasts, and abdomen, including hernia. Dr. C. B. Nancrede writes on injuries of the head; Mr. F. Treves on malformations and diseases of the head; Dr. E. Williams on diseases and injuries of the eye; Dr. A. H. Buck on diseases and injuries of the ear; Dr. Geo. M. Mefferts on the nose and sinuses; Dr. A. C. Post on the surgery of the face, cheeks, and lips; Mr. Christopher Heath on the mouth, fauces, tongue, palate, and jaws; Dr. N. W. Kingsley on the teeth and adjacent parts; Dr. Geo. H. B. Macleod on the surgery of the neck; Dr. J. Solis-Cohen on the air-passages; Dr. E. H. Bennett on injuries of the chest; Mr. T. Annandale on injuries of the breast; Mr. Henry Morris on injuries and diseases of the abdomen; and Mr. John Wood, of King's College, London, on hernia.

The article on Diseases of the Abdomen is perhaps the most interesting and valuable, owing to recent advances in abdominal surgery. This subject covers nearly 300 pages. It is impossible, for want of space, to do justice to the monographs which comprise these volumes. One more volume will conclude the series, and there is now no doubt that this encyclopædia fully realizes the expectations that were formed of it. The Publish-