

Tumours by an Anticellular Serum, Dr. Wlaeff, of Petersburg; Smallpox, with Particular Reference to the Prevailing Epidemic, Jaq. T. Schamberg, M.D., Philadelphia—this article is well illustrated; Actinomycosis of the Respiratory Tract, by Ludvig Hektoen, M.D., Chicago; The Diagnosis and Prognosis of Some Forms of Blood Disease in Infancy, by J. S. Fowler, M.D., F.R.C.P., Edin.; Abortions, by J. W. Ballantyne, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., F.D., Edin., also article by A. Blackader, M.D., Montreal. J. B. McC.

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This volume is out on time and keeps up its reputation as a first-class digest of the best medical and surgical literature of the preceding three months. Where so many subjects are embraced it is impossible to allude to them in detail. Still we cannot but draw attention to the article on Anæsthetics by Dr. Bloodgood, which occupies fifty pages of the book. It is a complete review of all that is known on this most important question, and it ought to be read and digested by every operating surgeon. Ether and chloroform, of course, remain the drugs of choice in the vast majority of instances in which a general anæsthetic *must* be given. Nevertheless, other general anæsthetics have entered the field in competition and are rapidly finding their proper place, such as nitrous oxide, in combination with oxygen, ethyl-chloride and ethyl-bromide. All the anæsthetics are discussed, and the conclusion drawn is that it is unjustifiable for any surgeon to use any one anæsthetic exclusively. Stomach surgery has several important items, and though they do not occupy much space, yet operating surgeons will read them with satisfaction—for the indications for operating are definitely laid down by men who, from experience and success, have a right to speak with no uncertain sound. In Dr. Belfield's section on genito-urinary diseases, the subject of general infection by the gonococcus is fully discussed, and tuberculosis of the genito-urinary tract receives the attention which its importance demands.

The various pathological conditions of the kidneys are ably treated by Dr. John Rose Brandford. Particularly instructive is his discussion of the various forms of albuminuria and the varieties of uremia. Dr. Brubaker's section on Physiology presents the