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The Southern Surgical and Gynecological Society is an admirable society, and, though young in years, its work will compare favorably with that of any medical or surgical society in the world. The fifth volume, containing four hundred and twenty-eight pages of reading matter, is fully equal, if not superior, to any which have preceded it. It contains the excellent address of the president, Dr. J. M. McFadden Gaston, of Atlanta, Georgia, and a number of interesting papers on subjects surgical and gynecological, with accompanying discussions conducted with marked ability.

One of the most interesting papers presented was that of Dr. Bedford Brown, of Alexandria, Virginia, the president for the coming year, the subject being "Personal Recollections of the late Dr. Benjamin W. Dudley, of Lexington, Ky., and of his Surgical Methods and Works," to which reference is made in another column. The members of the association were so well pleased with Dr. Brown's address that they decided to allot a place in the "Transactions" for the purpose of recording the works and deeds of prominent Southern men, and appoint one of the fellows each year to prepare a memorial address to the memory and career of some deceased eminent surgeon or gynecologist. They selected Dr. McMurtry, of Louisville, to deliver such tribute to Dr. Ephraim McDowell at the next meeting to be held this month in the city of New Orleans. A happy custom has thus been inaugurated, and it is likely that in the future the memorial address will be among the most interesting features of their annual meetings. The association is fortunate in retaining the services of Dr. W. E. B. Davis, of Birmingham, Alabama, as secretary. His great executive ability, untiring energy, and genial manners have done much toward placing the organization in the distinguished position which it now occupies.

A DICTIONARY OF MEDICAL SCIENCE. Containing a full explanation of the various subjects and terms of anatomy, physiology, medical chemistry, pharmacy, pharmacology, therapeutics, medicine, hygiene, dietetics, pathology, surgery, bacteriology, ophthalmology, otology, laryngology, dermatology, gynecology, obstetrics, pediatrics, medical jurisprudence, and dentistry, etc. By Robley Dunglison, M.D., LL.D., late Professor of Institutes of Medicine in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia. Edited by Richard J. Dunglison, A.M., M.D. New (21st) edition, thoroughly revised, greatly enlarged and improved, with the pronunciation, accentuation, and derivation of the terms. In one magnificent imperial octavo volume of 1181 pages. Cloth, \$7; leather, \$8. Philadelphia: Lea Brothers & Co., 1893.

Any book that from public demand and appreciation reaches a twenty-first edition may safely be recognized as a credit to both its author and publisher. Dunglison's Medical Dictionary has reached that high position. It was always a favorite; the definitions were accurate, clear, and concise, making it an easy, yet thorough, book for the busy student or practitioner to refresh his memory from. There have been some improvements made in this edition. Pronunciation is now for the first time introduced. It is indicated by a simple and obvious system of phonetic spelling, fully explained in the introduction. Derivation has