

The other articles, each by a German specialist of recognized authority, are also skilful expositions of the particular diseases under discussion. The entire volume being edited by a specialist of acknowledged ability, the work, it will be seen, has been brought precisely down to date. It is, indeed, a magnificent contribution to the literature of medicine.

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**Progressive Medicine.** A quarterly digest of advances, discoveries and improvements in medical and surgical sciences. Edited by H. A. HARE, M.D., and H. R. M. LANDIS, M.D. Vol. iv. December 1901. Philadelphia and New York: Lea Brothers & Co.

This volume deals with diseases of the digestive tract, genito-urinary diseases, syphilis, surgery of the extremities, diseases of the kidneys, physiology, hygiene and therapeutics. This series of quarterly volumes is now well known. This volume is up to the standard. It contains much useful information, and can be safely recommended to medical practitioners. The make up of the volume is all that could be desired.

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**The Roentgen Rays in Medicine and Surgery, as an Aid in Diagnosis and as a Therapeutic Agent.** Designed for the use of Practitioners and Students. By FRANCIS H. WILLIAMS, M.D. (Harr.), Graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Visiting Physician at the Boston City Hospital; Fellow of the Massachusetts Medical Society; Member of the Association of American Physicians; Member of the American Climatological Association; Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, etc. With 391 illustrations. New York: The Macmillan Co. London: Macmillan Co., Limited. Toronto: G. N. Morang & Co.

Dr. Williams is one of the pioneer workers in this subject, who has devoted a great amount of time to overcome many of the difficulties that were present in the early days, and has accomplished much for which the profession owe him their deepest thanks. He has approached all the questions from an unbiased and scientific standpoint, and has made the best of his opportunities in presenting the subject. The volume is most comprehensive, comprising 650 pages, which presents the subject from its beginning to the present day. He deals elaborately with the nature and properties of the rays and the appliances that are necessary for their production; he describes the construction of the appliances so that one is made acquainted with the mechanism of the instruments that he has to handle. He has used both the static machine and the coil, and believes that for greatest utility and certainty of work the coil is superior to the static machine. He prefers the static machine in work on the chest, where the screen is used. The subject of tubes is handled in a most admirable manner, and the numerous designs thoroughly reviewed. The advantage of particularly constructed tubes is well pointed out