

Graefe at Berlin—and those of our readers who have seen Dr. von Graefe's *Memoirs on Iridectomy*, translated by F. Windsor, Esq., and published by the New Sydenham Society, will no doubt be already familiar with much of what is stated by Dr. Keyser.

The Pharmaceutist's and Druggist's Practical Receipt Book, with a Glossary of Medical Terms, and Copious Index. By THOMAS F. BRANSTON. Philadelphia: Lindsay & Blakiston; Montreal: Dawson Brothers.

A more practical and interesting volume, on its particular subject, we believe does not exist, and we would strongly urge it upon the attention of every druggist and physician in the country, to whom we deem it worth more than twice its cost. Not only are all the preparations of the London Pharmacopœia given, but hundreds of other receipts, all alphabetically arranged, many of them very valuable. Even to the unprofessional the volume is of great value, as it contains many good receipts which are not to be found elsewhere. Among many we would mention receipts for arrowroot jelly, baking powder, beef tea, ginger beer, blacking for shoes, horse harness, &c., &c. The directions and descriptions are briefly but very clearly explained. At the end is a glossary which, to the student, will prove of great value, as the translation of many old directions are given. Mr. Branston, the compiler, has certainly shown much assiduity and investigation in its preparation, and we hope they for whom it is intended (and we believe it is of especial value to country practitioners) will show their appreciation of his labours. The work is got up in the usual creditable style of all Lindsay & Blakiston's medical publications.

PERISCOPIC DEPARTMENT.

Surgery.

EXCISION OF THE TONGUE.

By JAMES SYME, Professor of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

Some years ago I endeavoured on two occasions to afford relief from disease of the tongue, otherwise incurable, by cutting out the entire organ; but, as both cases terminated unfavourably, I felt no desire to repeat the experiment, and have repeatedly declined doing so under circumstances of a very urgent character. In the early part of November last, Mr. W——, aged 52, from Manchester, applied to me on account of