

## Book Reviews.

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TRANSACTIONS OF THE CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION. Twenty-ninth Annual Meeting held at Montreal, August 26th, 27th, 28th, 1896. The *Gazette* Printing Company, Montreal.

At the last meeting of the Canadian Medical Association, it was decided to publish the transactions, and the work was left in the hands of the publishing committee. While we are glad to congratulate the committee on the results of their efforts we desire to refer especially to the untiring zeal of Dr. Blackader, who did the lion's share of the work in producing this volume. It is only fair to state that he received much assistance from the secretary, Dr. Starr.

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LECTURES ON THE TREATMENT OF FIBROID TUMORS OF THE UTERUS, MEDICAL, ELECTRICAL, AND SURGICAL. By Franklin H. Martin, M.D., Professor of Gynæcology Post-Graduate Medical School of Chicago, etc. 174 pages. The W. T. Keener Co., publishers, Chicago, Ill., 1897.

As the author states in his preface the object of the work is to place in permanent shape the outcome of the past decade of work along these lines. The work consists of the reports of ten lectures delivered at the Chicago Post-Graduate Medical College.

In the first chapters the author deals with the causation, frequency, and diagnosis of the condition, but as the purport of the work is more especially treatment this part is not elaborated.

In discussing the treatment he divides it into three parts, medical, electrical, and surgical ; and in studying the various treatments given, I would think that the work was intended more especially for the general practitioner, who is forced to do a great deal of work along this line before the gynæcologist first sees the sufferer. Although this may be true, the field of the specialist is not left untouched. It seems to me that too many of the writers on special subjects devote their energies to a compilation of the work of others and leave too little impress of their individuality on their work ; but in the work before us Dr. Martin has taken care to give the results of his own experience particularly, while not neglecting to notice the work of others.

Taken altogether, the work will, no doubt, fill the place intended for it.