

- ART. XLIX.—1. *The Retrospect of Medicine, &c.*, edited by W. BRAITHWAITE, Lecturer on Obstetric Medicine at the Leed's School of Medicine, &c. Vol. 41, January to June, 1860. London: Simpkin, Marshall & Co. Montreal: Dawson & Son. Royal 12mo.
2. *The Half Yearly Abstract of the Medical Sciences, &c.*, Edited by W. H. RANKING, M.D., and C. B. RADCLIFFE, M.D. No. 31, January to June, 1860. Philadelphia: Lindsay & Blakiston. Montreal: Dawson & Son. American edition, 8vo.

Little requires to be said at our hands in commendation of these two favourite serials of the Profession. Travelling both the same path, or dropping metaphor, both containing a selection of the best medico-literary papers which have appeared in the European and American Medical periodicals, during the six months preceding the date of their issue, the difference between them will be found to consist in the circumstance that the latter contains a brief critical notice of the most important monographic works in the medical sciences which have emanated from the press during the same semi-annual period. Both these valuable publications should be in the possession of every medical practitioner, because they contain in short compass a mass of valuable information utterly beyond the reach of any single medical man in any other form; and it is in this fact that their excellence and intrinsic merit consist.

While thus alluding to Braithwaite's Retrospect, we have been somewhat surprised at not having received the fifth and concluding volume of the Epitome. Having got through four volumes, we trust that the laborious Editor has not broken down in the compilation of the fifth and last promised number. We must confess, what looks something like it, that we have not noticed the reception of this volume by any of our American cotemporaries, but we hope for the best, and are anxiously awaiting its appearance.

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ART. L.—*The Physicians' Visiting List, Diary, and Book of Engagements for 1861.* Philadelphia: Lindsay & Blakiston. Montreal: Dawson & Son.

We observe that the enterprising firm of Messrs. Lindsay & Blakiston of Philadelphia are again early in the field with another Diary for the ensuing year. To those physicians who have never yet employed these valuable little pocket books, we most heartily recommend them, as an immense saving of their time in recording their daily work. Those again who have been in the habit of employing them will be happy to hear that those for the year 1861 are now to be obtained, as we are persuaded that, like ourselves, those who have once experienced their great advantage will still continue to use them. Each volume, besides being regulated for the entry of 25, 50 or 100 daily patients, contains also, the following: Marshall Hall's ready method in Asphyxia, Poisons and their antidotes, a table for calculating the periods of utero-gestation, and places to enter separately the address of patients, those of nurses, &c., a memorandum for wants, obstetric engagements and vaccination engagements, and a general