

vations of Some Functional Diseases of the Uterus," by Alfred Meadows, as exhibiting much painstaking and original observations. The first volume is, in every respect, so creditable to the Society, they ought by all means to continue the publication.

CLINICAL LECTURE.

On Ready Diagnosis. By Prof. FORGET of Strasbourg.

(Concluded.)

Suppose now, we have finished with the negative diagnosis, and have got at the seat of trouble. It remains to ascertain the precise character of the disease. A primary condition, which is quite indispensable in this research, is a knowledge of the affections of which the organ is susceptible. Despite all simplifications of the art of diagnosis, it can never be taught to the ignorant. Another essential condition of ready diagnosis, neglected by the classical method, is a knowledge of the relative value of the different elements, and especially of the different symptoms of diseases, in order that the most significant may be first sought. Hence ready diagnoses will never give good results except to practitioners endowed with sagacity and learning.

DIGESTIVE APPARATUS.—We pass by the diseases of the region above the diaphragm, as being commonly of easy diagnosis, and come at once to the stomach. The principal diseases of this viscus are, among acute disorders, dyspepsia (*embarras gastrique*), gastritis, gastrorrhagia; among chronic affections, chronic gastritis, simple ulcer, cancer, neuroses.

The most significant symptoms of these affections are the following:

Embarras gastrique.—Furred tongue, anorexia, no epigastric tenderness, no fever.

Gastritis.—Coated and red tongue, nausea and vomiting, epigastric sensibility, often fever.

Gastrorrhagia.—Vomiting of black coagulated blood, antecedent gastric symptoms.

Chronic gastritis.—Protracted gastric derangement, epigastric tenderness, often hectic fever.

Simple ulcer.—Signs of chronic gastritis, proper signs obscure.

Gastric neuroses.—Varied gastric symptoms, tongue clean, no tenderness on pressure, no fever.

These *clia* are common place, yet they are disengaged from insignificant accessories, and I have arranged the most expressive symptoms in the order of their importance as signs. Thus, no *embarras gastrique*