

Barnes on the Medical and Surgical Diseases of Women. Second American, from the second enlarged and revised London Edition. In one handsome octavo volume of 784 pages. Philadelphia: Henry C. Lea; Toronto: Hart & Rawlinson.

The reputation of the author is such as to warrant the expectation of a work of very high order, and there is no doubt but the volume before us amply sustains the high estimate we have formed of its author. Unlike many other works on the subject, it is useful both to the lecturer and practitioner. The style is pleasing and the typography good. The writer is emphatic in regard to the dangers of intra-uterine injections, and we think he is right. His chapter on gynecological instruments and their use will be found very useful to the young practitioner, but where all is so good it is needless to specify parts.

Dr. Barnes stands at the head of his profession in the old country, and it requires but scant scrutiny of his book to show that it has been sketched by a master. It is plain, practical common sense; shows very deep research without being pedantic; is eminently calculated to inspire enthusiasm without inculcating rashness; points out the dangers to be avoided as well as the success to be achieved in the various operations connected with this branch of medicine; and will do much to smooth the rugged path of the young gynecologist and relieve the perplexity of the man of mature years.

NEW BOOKS IN PRESS.—Mr. Henry C. Lea, of Philadelphia, has in preparation for early publication:—A National Dispensatory, by Stillé & Maisch; Clinical Manual for the Study of Medical Cases, by James Finlayson, M.D., of Glasgow; Principles and Practice of Surgery, by Ashurst, (Second Edition); Principles and Practice of Gynecology, by Emmet; Practice of Surgery, by Bryant, (Second Edition); A System of Human Anatomy, by Harrison Allen and E. O. Shakespeare, of Philadelphia; and a translation of Cornil & Ranvier's Manual of Human Histology, by E. O. Shakespeare, M.D., of Philadelphia.

OBITUARY.—Mr. John Hilton, F.R.S., died last month, aged 74.

Miscellaneous.

TO DESTROY MOTHS IN CARPETS.—Lay a wet sheet or other cloth upon the carpet, and then pass a hot flat iron over it, so as to convert the water into steam, which permeates the carpet beneath and destroys the life of the grub.

PERSONAL.—Dr. Rolph Lesslie, of Toronto, who acted as Surgeon in the Turkish army during the late war, paid a short visit to his friends in Toronto last month. He has returned to Vienna to devote the winter to study. The Sultan of Turkey has conferred the Order of Mejidîé on Dr. Lesslie.

DIAGNOSIS OF DOUBTFUL DISLOCATIONS.—Middeldorpf employs a long slender needle to diagnose doubtful luxations of the shoulder. It is pushed below the acromion towards the glenoid cavity. If dislocation exist it will enter easily and meet with no obstruction till it reaches the glenoid cavity. If there is no luxation it will strike the head or neck of the bone.

REMOVAL OF LOWER PORTION OF LEFT LUNG.—An Indian boy was shot by an arrow between the fifth and sixth ribs, just to the left of the median line. The barbed arrow-head, when withdrawn, carried with it through the orifice quite a large portion of the lung. This (four and a-half inches long, two and three-quarters broad) was ligatured and removed, the stump washed and returned, and the wound sutured. Complete recovery followed.—*Cincinnati Lancet and Clinic.*

LACTOPEPTINE.—Our readers may remember that last winter we published the experience of several physicians quite favourable to the above-named preparation, (Vol. xxxvi. p. 245). Since then we have employed it in several cases of obstinate dyspepsia, and have been gratified, even surprised, at the very excellent results obtained in the great majority of cases. We think it decidedly superior to any form of pepsin, "pure and simple," we have yet exhibited.—*Medical and Surgical Reporter, Philadelphia.*