

and surgery is fast advancing, and now occupies a prominent position, but not more than what it deserves. The little work on "Clinical Researches in Electro-Surgery," by Rockwell & Beard, is a new addition to the literature of the subject, and its value is not to be determined by its size, as it will well repay perusal. It consists of nearly altogether of cases submitted by them to electrolysis. The cases mentioned in the first half of the work were those suffering from the various kinds of tumours, some of which were malignant. The results of the treatment are faithfully given, whether successful or not. In the latter half of the book cases of skin diseases are described where the treatment by central galvanism alone was followed, and no application made to the diseased part whatever. In their hands it appears to have succeeded exceedingly well. The authors prefer the former to the latter method. At the end they give the comparative advantages of electrolysis and galvano-cautery. Both may be used to accomplish some of the same indications.

A Hand-Book of the Theory and Practice of Medicine, by Frederick T. Roberts, M.D., B.Sc., M.R.C.P., Fellow of University College, Assistant Physician to University College Hospital, Philadelphia. Lindsay & Blakiston, Philadelphia, 1874; Dawson Brothers, Montreal.

This volume, which has been upon our table for about a month, is a work which after a very careful examination we can strongly recommend, not only to students, for whom it has mainly been prepared, but to general practitioners, whose limited time does not permit them consulting more extended and exhaustive treatises upon Practice of Medicine. The extreme difficulty of condensing within a thousand pages in a clear and comprehensive manner a descriptive account of each disease to which the human body is liable, is easily understood; yet we venture to express the opinion, that but few have succeeded so admirably as has Dr. Roberts. A very important innovation has been introduced on the method which has usually been followed in manuals upon Medicine. Before describing the individual diseases of the several organs or systems, an outline is given of the clinical phenomena, which indicate a morbid condition of each, and of any modes of "physical examination" employed in their investigation, while the principal symptoms are considered in detail. This innovation is admirable, and constitutes a valuable feature of the work. To those of our readers who

may feel desirous of adding to their library a volume upon Practice to which they may refer with satisfaction, we can cordially recommend Roberts' Practice of Medicine. It is beautifully got up by Lindsay & Blakiston, the paper is clear and white, the typography splendid—in a word, it is an elegant volume. It can be ordered from Dawson Brothers of Montreal.

Laceration of the Female Perineum and Vesico-Vaginal Fistula. By D. HAYES AGNEW, M.D. Philadelphia, U. S.

To those of our confrères who have not had the opportunity of reading the original papers upon the above subject—as issued some years ago in the Pennsylvania Hospital Reports, and the Medical and Surgical Reporter—their publication at the present time in book form will be very welcome.

The specialist will find this little brochure invaluable, as gathering up all the facts connected with the history of the subjects treated of, and ably pointing out the best methods of operating in order to secure success. To the general profession its pages cannot but be most acceptable and interesting.

A noticeable and instructive feature of the work is a record of a large number of cases operated upon, thereby presenting the reader with practical illustrations of the principles enunciated.

The numerous illustrations of the parts to which the work refers, and instruments used, as well as the general execution of the printing and binding, are very superior indeed, and do credit to the publishers, Messrs. Lindsay & Blackiston.

The work is to be had at Dawson's bookstore, St. James Street.

MARRIAGES.

On Dec. 17th, 1873, at the Eleventh Baptist Church, Philadelphia, by the Rev. W. Ward Willis, Alfred H. Henderson, of New Brunswick, Canada, and Lillie M. daughter of H. S. Potter, M.D., of Philadelphia.

DIED.

In Montreal, on the 22nd of December, Charles Smallwood, M.D., LL.D., D.O.L., aged 64 years.

In Montreal, on the 15th January, Lonis Boyer, M.D., aged 55 years.

At Brattleboro, Vermont, U. S., in December, W. H. Rockwell, M.D., for thirty-six years medical superintendent of the Brattleboro Lunatic Asylum.

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