

Fothergill, and others, all being duly acknowledged. The author draws largely from the various authorities, but at the same time, gives clearly his own views attained through a wide experience in the treatment of these diseases.

We need hardly say that such a book should be considered a necessity in every medical library, as the ailments described are among the most common that come under observation in the every-day work of the general physician. To him, therefore, we recommend it with pleasure; in fact we may go farther and say, that all things considered, it is for his purpose the best book of the kind now available, except perhaps the larger work of Ross, of Manchester.

*A System of Surgery, Theoretical and Practical, in Treatises by Various Authors.* Edited by T. HOLMES, M.A., Cantab. First American from second English edition. Thoroughly revised and much enlarged. By JOHN H. PACKARD, A.M., M.D., of Philadelphia, assisted by a large corps of the most eminent American surgeons. In III. Vols., with many illustrations. Philadelphia: Henry C. Lea's, Son, & Co., 1882. Toronto: Hart & Co., King St. West.

The appearance of Volume III. completes the American re-print of this, the best and most authoritative Treatise on Surgery which has yet appeared in the English language. The subjects comprised in this volume are: Diseases of the Respiratory Organs, Diseases of the Bones, Joints, and Muscles, Diseases of the Nervous System, Gunshot Wounds, Operations and Minor Surgery, and Miscellaneous Subjects, including Diseases of the Breast, Diseases of the Skin, Parasites, Venomous Insects and Reptiles, the Surgical Diseases of Childhood, Surgical Diagnosis and Regional Surgery, and Hospitals. Apart from additions and interpolations scattered throughout, the sections wholly American are: Operations upon the Arteries, Trephining, Colotomy, and Excision of the Rectum, by John H. Packard. One hundred pages on Diseases of the Skin, by Arthur Van Harlingen; and an appendix to the chapter on Hospitals. Thus presented, Holmes' System of Surgery may fairly be regarded as the chief exponent of the surgical

science of the day. We fear to add anything to what we have said in former notices, lest we should seem capable of fulsome flattery. Doubtless we might point out many deficiencies or defects if at all hypercritically inclined; but we are not of the optimistic school, which looks for absolute perfection in human enterprises, and we are glad to recognize in this composite production of many minds a fair and reasonable realization of a high ideal. Comment on the Publisher's work would, at this day, be indeed superfluous, and we shall only say that those who have the work in the half Russia binding, possess a substantial friend and companion, at once pleasing to the eye and instructive to the mind.

*Report Relating to the Registration of Births, Marriages, and Deaths in the Province of Ontario, for the year ending 31st December, 1880.* Appended to which is a review showing the results of the working of the Registration Act from 1870 to 1880, inclusive. Printed by order of the Legislative Assembly.

It is regrettable that the vital statistics of Ontario for 1880 should only lie upon our table now; but under present circumstances this delay seems inevitable, the report having to be presented to Parliament before being made public. Under the auspices of the newly created Provincial Board of Health we hope soon to be in possession of weekly and quarterly returns. The present Report bears gratifying evidence of great improvement in the completeness of its subject matter; and, though still manifesting much room for further achievements in that direction, still affords reason and opportunity for congratulation on what has been accomplished. The Review of the Ten Years' Working of the Act is a very interesting feature of the present Report; and has been as ably handled by Mr. H. S. Crewe as was possible to a layman. We much regret that pressure on our space forbids analysis or comment. Another opportunity, however, may, perhaps, present itself.

Dr. Theo. S. Covernton, late of the Toronto Asylum for the Insane, has settled in practice in Winnipeg, in partnership, we believe, with Dr. Kittson, late of Hamilton.