

each form of current being followed. The spirit of the meeting, which was largely attended, seemed to be the discussion of the primary facts of electro-physics and their applications to medicine, and while but few new facts were announced, the full discussions elicited on these fundamentals were interesting alike to the expert and the tyro, and can not be other than highly useful in stimulating greater accuracy and thoroughness in the medical users of electricity. The presence and participation of a number of electrical engineers and distinguished physicists were significant.

On the evening of the third day the members were received by Nikola Tesla at his laboratory, and were treated to a display of the remarkable qualities of high frequency currents recently developed by this latest electrical prodigy. On Friday, through the courtesy of Mr. Edison, the whole Association and its ladies were conveyed to Edison's laboratory by special train, and escorted through the works, after which a delightful banquet was enjoyed.

That New York fulfilled its social opportunities was well proven by the reception and banquet at the Academy of Medicine, and by its private hospitalities to visiting members. —*The Journal Am. Med. Assn.*

BOOK NOTICES.

THE YEAR-BOOK OF TREATMENT FOR 1894. A comprehensive and critical review for practitioners of medicine and surgery. By twenty-four eminent specialists. Duodecimo, 497 pages. Cloth, \$1.50. Lea Brothers & Co., medical publishers, 706 708 and 710 Sansom St., Philadelphia.

The great value to every practitioner and specialist of having at hand such a volume must be obvious. It covers the advances in treatment made in all departments of medicine and surgery, including all the specialties during the preceding twelvemonth. The various articles are sufficiently detailed for practical purposes, but full references to original papers are given for the convenience of those desiring to make extended research. The volume is completed with a selected list of new books, etc., an index of authors, and an index of subjects. In combination with the *American Journal of the Medical Sciences* (monthly, \$4.00 per annum), or *The Medical News* (weekly, \$4.00 per annum), or both (\$7.50 per annum). *The Year-Book of Treatment* is placed at 75 cents. *The Year-Books of Treatment* for 1891, 1892 and 1893 can be obtained for \$1.50 each, and the issues for 1886 and 1887 for \$1.25 each.

THE RETROSPECT OF PRACTICAL MEDICINE AND SURGERY. Being a half-yearly journal containing a retrospective view of every discovery and practical improvement in the medical sciences. Edited by James Braithwaite, M.D. London, obstetric physician to the Leeds General Infirmary; late Lecturer on Diseases of Women and Children, Leeds School of Medicine; Fellow and late Vice-President of the Obstetrical Society of London; Corresponding Fellow of the Gynæcological Society of Boston, U.S. Volume CIX., July, 1894. Uniform American edition. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 27 West Twenty-third Street; 1894. For sale by Dawson Brothers, Montreal, \$2.50 a year in advance, half-yearly parts \$1.50.

We are always glad to welcome Braithwaite to our library table. The articles are as usual well selected and the abstracts very concise and clear. It is well worth the price for the physician to have it in his carriage or while waiting at a case, being full of hints of practical value.

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