

hernia, Dr. Manley has obtained a lower mortality where he followed up the reduction with McBurney's operation, than he got previously when nothing was attempted beyond reducing the strangulation.

Dr. Manley is opposed to ether in hernia operations. He states that "total suppression of urine and secondary mortal shock often follow." Neither does he commend chloroform—he prefers cocaine analgesia.

Heaton's hypodermic method is recommended in certain cases.

Full descriptions are given of the operations devised and practised by Reisel, Championniere, McEwen, McBurney, Bassini and other herniotomists of minor fame. But as Dr. Manley properly says, "in all these operations only the walls of the abdomen are dealt with; the visceral element, excess of intestine, an elongated mesentery and intra-abdominal pressure are ignored."

Chapter xxi., on the operative treatment of strangulated hernia, is the most useful to the general practitioner.

Dr. Manley shows a statistical table of fifty-eight cases of different kinds of hernia operated upon, with a mortality of thirteen.

When an operation for the radical cure of hernia is considered desirable, surgeons would do well to study Dr. Manley's valuable monograph.

*The Birds of Ontario.* By THOMAS MCILWRAITH. Published by Wm. Briggs, Wesley Buildings, Toronto. Price \$2.00.

This volume should certainly be in the hands of all lovers of our

feathered friends. It is the most able compilation extant of the Ornithology of Canada. A great deal of its value is undoubtedly due to the engravings with which the work is illustrated, these being reproduced in a manner more than creditable to the Book Room, whose reputation for turning out the highest class of typographical work is unexcelled.

We are in receipt of advance notice from Messrs. F. A. Davis & Co., saying that they will start the New Year by issuing early in February a companion book to Dr. R. von Krafft-Ebing's famous treatise "Psychopathia Sexualis," entitled "Suggestive Therapeutics in Psychopathia Sexualis," it being a translation of the original by Dr. A. Schrenck-Notzing, of Munich, collaborator with Krafft-Ebing. This book will contain about 325 pages, and be sold by subscription only, at \$2.50 per volume, in cloth. It will be of great importance as an authoritative work on suggestion as a therapeutic agent in the hands of the intelligent practitioner.

THE STUDENTS AND THE TAILORS OF AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.—The *Union Médicale* states that the Tailors' Union of Gratz, in Styria, has addressed to the rector magnificus of the University a request that in future no student shall be accorded the diploma of doctor unless he can show evidence that he has paid his tailor entirely.—*N. Y. Medical Journal.*