

SURGICAL EMERGENCIES, together with the emergencies attendant on parturition and the treatment of Poisoning. A Manual for the use of general practitioners, by Wm. Paul Swain, F.R.C.S., England, Surgeon to the Royal Albert Hospital, Davenport, England, with 80 illustrations. Philadelphia: Lindsay & Blakiston. Toronto: Hart & Rawlinson, pp. 189; price \$1.75.

The part devoted to emergencies of parturition has been written by Dr. Alfred Meadows, and that devoted to injuries of the eye by Dr. G. Lawson. The work furnishes the busy practitioner with a very complete and extremely valuable *vade mecum* of surgery. The surgical portion proper embraces nearly everything of importance in general surgery that one could desire. The antiseptic treatment of wounds is treated of in the closing chapter, and is not the least interesting feature of the work. We have been much pleased with a perusal of this little unpretentious volume.

A CONSPECTUS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, comprising Manuals of Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry, Materia Medica, Practice of Medicine, Surgery and Obstetrics, for the use of Students. By Henry Hartshorne, A.M., M.D. Second edition, enlarged and thoroughly revised. Philadelphia: Henry C. Lea. Toronto: Hart & Rawlinson.

The profession is already thoroughly familiar with the aim and scope of both the above works, in former editions. The new editions have been revised with great care, and brought up to the latest views on the subjects treated, and will no doubt be favourably received by medical students, for whom they are chiefly intended.

INJURIES OF THE SKULL, in relation to Medical evidence, and remarks upon the use of the Trephine by C. C. F. Gay, M.D., Surgeon to the Buffalo General Hospital.

The first number of a new French Medical Journal, "La Gazette Medicale," is just to hand. It is edited by Dr. Bibaud, of Montreal.

ELECTRO-THERAPEUTICS—A condensed Manual of Medical Electricity by D. T. Lincoln, M.D., Physician to the Boston Dispensary. Philadelphia: H. C. Lea. Toronto: Hart & Rawlinson.

MATERIA MEDICA FOR THE USE OF STUDENTS. By JOHN B. BIDDLE, M.D. Sixth edition, revised and enlarged. Philadelphia: Lindsay & Blakiston. Price, cloth, \$4.00.

MEDICAL NEWS AND MISCELLANY.

AMPUTATION AT THE HIP-JOINT.—This operation was performed at University College Hospital recently, by Mr. Berkeley Hill, on a young woman suffering from a large sarcomatous tumour connected with the upper part of the left femur, which had been growing for some months. The tumour encroached so much upon the front of the thigh and pelvis that the operator was unable to transfix the limb to form his anterior flap, and therefore dissected up the skin from the upper third of the thigh and secured the common femoral artery before the deep structures were divided. The bone was then disarticulated by cutting through the tissues overlying the joint, and a short flap formed posteriorly. The abdominal tourniquet was applied to the aorta and the operator was ably assisted by Mr. Heath and Mr. Beck. The patient lost but little blood and bore the operation remarkably well.—*The Lancet*.

FORMULA FOR SUMMER CATARRH.—Dr. Hoover in the *American Medical Journal*, recommends a chlorate of potassa, 60 grains, sulphomorph. 12 grains, to six ounces of water, to be used by the atomizer. He says it will give relief immediately, and effect a complete cure in a few days.

BIRTH OF TRIPLETS AFTER OVARIOTOMY.—In the *Medical Times and Gazette*, Dr. Spencer Wells publishes a letter, just received, announcing the delivery of a lady of triplets, six years after he had performed ovariectomy upon her. There were three distinct placentas.

THE GOOD OLD TIMES—Professor Flint speaks of a memorable instance, in a New England medical college of a single professor occupying the chairs during an entire session. Those were halcyon days for medical students.

Goitre is attributed by Mr. Bergeret, a recent French writer, to the influence of sulphates in the blood, derived from sulphate of lime in drinking water, and from other sources.

A writer in *The Journal of Applied Science* (September 1) states that castor-oil has so little effect on Chinese intestines that the Celestials use it habitually in cookery.

Prof. Hughes Bennett, after twenty-six years' service in the chair of *Institutes* in the Edinburgh school, has resigned on account of ill health.

A Department of Public Health has just been established in the University of Edinburgh.