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Virus of Venereal Sores. Its unity or duality. By Freeman J. Bumstead, M.D.

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Ninety-Fifth Annual Catalogue of the Medical School, Boston, of Harvard University. 1877-78.

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tion Committee and their editor, Dr. Ashurst, jun. The large amount of work done by the Congress made it impossible to report the interesting discussions on the papers, but in many cases, we have an abstract of these discussions, and where these are wanting the conclusions of the sections on the subject of the papers are given. As an interesting addition to our medical literature, and as a memorial of a century of American medicine, these transactions will be prized.

A Compend of Diagnosis in Pathological Anatomy with directions for making post-mortem examinations. By DR. JOHANNES ORTH, First Assistant in Anatomy at the Pathological Institute, Berlin. Translated by F. C. SHATTACK, M.D., and G. K. SABINE, M.D. Revised by R. H. FITZ, M.D., Cambridge: *The Riverside Press*, 1877. New York: Hurd and Houghton.

This work, written by the First Assistant of the eminent pathologists, Virchow and Rindfleisch, representing, as it does, their teaching, is a most valuable addition to our literature. A thorough and practical knowledge of pathology is now recognized to be of vital importance to the physician who aspires to be anything more than an empiric; and it is with a view to direct and assist the student in acquiring such knowledge that the above work has been written and translated. Full directions are given for making *post-mortem* examinations, and for recognizing pathological changes in the fresh organs. The gross and microscopical appearances of the changes met with in the organs and tissues of the body are fully described, and the method of examining each part and the order of examination carefully pointed out. The book supplies a *want long felt*, for though good works on pathological anatomy are numerous, we know of none in our language, with the exception of that of Dr. Delafield, that deals with the practical study of the subject in the way this one does. It will be read, or rather studied, by those desirous of perfecting themselves in morbid anatomy, with pleasure and profit. We recommend it to all, and especially to students who now have, or ought to have in the *post-mortem* rooms of our hospitals, some facilities for pursuing so important a subject. The translation has been carefully made, and the publisher has done his work well.