

The chapter on Diseases of the Lungs, by William Ewart, of London, while emphasizing the fact that one disease, pneumonia, has not made much progress for many years towards successful treatment, yet intimates that its future seems decidedly bright. We note, and with pleasure, that the "lost art," bleeding, is once more being recommended for employment "in the early stages in strong middle-aged subjects with difficult respiration and heaving pulse." We have, in the early years of our practice, seen such immense relief follow its employment in several such cases, that we have never ceased to wonder at its not being used. The employment of the anti-pneumococcus serum has been tried by many, but not one seems to write of even average success. We find perhaps the most satisfactory part of the treatment of this disease, as recorded in this volume, is that by the carbonate of creosote (creosotal), a paper on which we published a few months ago. The success, as recorded by more than one writer, has been phenomenal. The portion devoted to Pulmonary Tuberculosis brings up to date a subject which, as the whole profession is aware, is to-day the burning question of the hour. We have been particularly struck with the recommendation of Robinson (*British Medical Journal*, Feb. 22, 1902), which we fully endorse, that wards should be set apart in all general hospitals for the treatment of phthisis, both as a humanitarian duty, and also for the important object of medical education. At present it is doubtful if many graduates of the present time are able to follow a single case of phthisis from commencement to the end. In that part devoted to diseases of the brain some interesting cases of brain tumour successfully removed are recorded.

The fourth and last, but not least, article in the volume is prepared by Richard C. Norris, of the University of Pennsylvania. That it is well done goes without saying, as is all that appears from Dr. Norris' facile pen. The entire ground of obstetrics, covering pregnancy, the management of labour, obstetrical surgery, tumours complicating pregnancy, labour obstructed by pelvic deformity, placenta previa, post partum hemorrhage, the management of puerperium and the care of the newborn infant have been gone over in a painstaking way that insures the reader of *Progressive Medicine* a complete *résumé* of all that is new in these important branches of the subject.

In short, this volume will be found to contain all that is new on the subjects which it covers.

In medical literature so vast is the number of volumes and periodical articles which annually appear that no practitioner can hope, without such an aid as *Progressive Medicine*, to keep abreast of the rapid advances that take place, and no one who attempts to do his duty by his patients can afford to be without these volumes, and there is no one, however well he may be posted, but can find ample material well worthy of his careful investigation and study.