

to the work. The larger part of the general chapter on Displacements of the Uterus has been re-written and amended, and due credit here accorded to Cusco and Grailly Hewitt for their large and important contributions to our knowledge. The retentive power of the abdominal cavity and the vaginal promontory on which the neck rests are two new points laid stress upon among the mechanical influences tending to preserve uterine pelvic equipoise. The prognosis in prolapsus is, we are glad to say, much more favourably stated in this edition than in previous ones; and much of the treatment has been re-written or entirely altered. The anterior displacements have been considered together, as have also the posterior, instead of making a capital division between versions and flexions as heretofore; and this we consider an improvement. Several new means and methods of reposition and retention are described and figured and the practical utility of these sections, although great before, greatly enhanced. We own to a prejudice in favour of the new pessaries. Part of the treatment of *Inversio Uteri* is new; and the use of an abdominal plug for counter-pressure strongly advised. We think Aveling's double-curved stem repositer deserved mention. The occasional necessity for differentiating between early pregnancy and pelvic cellulitis, as pointed out by Engelman, is adverted to. The treatment of acute pelvic peritonitis has been partly re-written, and the necessity for absolute rest, even to the interdiction of every voluntary movement, strongly insisted upon. Hildebrandt's treatment of Fibroid tumours of the uterus receives ample notice in this edition; the account of their surgical treatment has been re-written; and the author's own method of removal by the spoon-saw fully described and illustrated. The varieties of laparotomy also are noticed at length. Having reached the limits of our space we must be content with saying that much of the remainder of the book has been re-written and considerable new matter added on the topics of Cancer, Ovarian Tumours, Ovariectomy, Oophorectomy, and Extra Uterine Gestation. In "Ovariectomy" all trocars complicated with tubing, &c., have

been abandoned; the author's own plan of operating is fully and clearly described, antiseptic precautions strongly advised, and Kibbee's Fever-cot highly extolled in the subduement of hyperpyrexia. The number of illustrations has been increased from 191 to 266. The copy it has been our pleasure to receive comes in the half-Russia binding which the Messrs. H. C. Lea's Son & Co., are making such liberal efforts to introduce for the embellishment of our library shelves. The contents of the present work are worthy of the best of binding; and we can only hope that our account of this edition will suffice to show that its author still maintains a foremost place in the van of scientific progress in this department, whilst his book continues to stand pre-eminent—in fact *facile princeps*—amongst the half dozen complete and excellent manuals of Gynecology in the world.

Meetings of Medical Societies.

NEWCASTLE AND TRENT MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Medical Association, for the Newcastle and Trent district, held its annual meeting at the Town Hall, Grafton, on the 2nd February. In the unavoidable absence of the President, Dr. Burritt, who had sent a telegram expressing regret at his inability to be present, on motion the chair was taken by Dr. Hamilton, of Port Hope.

The minutes of last meeting, held at Peterboro', were read and adopted.

Dr. McCrea, of Warkworth, sent a letter explaining that active politics in East Northumberland would prevent his being present to read a paper promised on the "Bites of Rabid Animals," and "History of a Case of Hydrophobia." He expressed his hearty interest in the welfare of the Association, and promised in future to actively support it.

After the Treasurer's report was passed, the Association adjourned for dinner at the Patterson House, where the members were guests of Dr. Halliday, of Grafton.

After dinner, officers were elected for 1881, as follows:—