

ART. LXII.—*Researches and observations on Pelvic Hæmatocele.* By J. BYRNE, M.D., M.R.C.S.E., Resident Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine, &c. New York: William Wood. 1862. ppht. pp. 44.

This pamphlet forms the subject of an elaborate paper read before the New York Academy of Medicine, in the month of February last, recently published by order of that body, and supplements certain deficiencies in that paper.

Although apparently known to the ancient physicians, this disease has, until very recently, escaped detection, which fact may be partially due to its rarity, as well as to its liability to be confounded with other pelvic affections, especially that of cellulitis.

We content ourselves with giving the conclusions to which the author has arrived, and which are fully borne out by his observations.

“A tolerably comprehensive investigation into the history, nature, and alleged causes of this affection tend to convince me, *first*, that bloody tumours within the female pelvis are not met with frequently, and should not be confounded with pelvic cellulitis or its consequences. *Second*. That the relative location of the tumour is not an infallible guide in determining as to its intra or subperitoneal character. *Third*. That certain pathological principles and physiological phenomena, inseparable from such enquiries, make it at least very probable that the *causes* which predispose to the two forms of hæmatocele, are not only entirely distinct, but differ from each other as widely as pleurisy from pneumonia; and *fourth*, when inflammatory action precedes the hæmorrhagies, the character and seat of said inflammation determine the location of the effused mass.”

The pamphlet embraces and exhausts the whole literature of the subject.

ART. LXIII—1. *The Physician's Visiting List for 1863.* Lindsay & Blakiston, Philadelphia. Dawson Brothers, Montreal.

2. *The Prescription Book.* By A. G. DAVIDSON, Druggist, Place d'Armes, Montreal.

We have to acknowledge the reception of these two useful pocket companions. The first one we have used for many years, and have found it, what it professes to be, a true economiser of time and labour. The second has been only lately issued, and will be found to be a most useful adjuvant, supplying at once, on demand, the paper whereon to write the prescription, the pencil wherewith to write, and the sealed envelope. Our readers are all familiar with the first,—with the second they may not be so,—and we therefore add that the whole affair is comprised within a pocket book of moderate proportions, and not only extremely well but neatly got up, the whole arrangement indicative of great taste. Mr. Davidson has only recently commenced business as a dispensing apothecary and druggist in Montreal, and is in the fair way of realizing his best aspirations.