

Book Reviews.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE SOUTHERN SURGICAL AND GYNÆCOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION. VOLUME IX. Ninth session held at Nashville, Tenn., November 10, 11, and 12, 1896. Published by the Association.

We have before referred to this association and its work, and always in words of praise. There is a fire, an energy, and a life in the society that always makes its work interesting and refreshing. Dr. W. E. B. Davis, of Birmingham, Ala., is still secretary, and, therefore, all things go well. The meeting at Nashville was an excellent one in all respects, the papers were above the average, and the discussions were equally good and interesting. The social features were as pleasant as "Southern hospitality" could make them. The world contains nothing better for such purposes.

MANUAL OF STATIC ELECTRICITY IN X-RAY AND THERAPEUTIC USES. By S. H. Monell, M.D., Founder and Chief Instructor of the Brooklyn Post-Graduate School of Clinical Electro-Therapeutics and Roentgen Photography; Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine, Member of the New York County Medical Society, etc., etc. New York: William Beverley Harison, publisher, 3 and 5 West Eighteenth Street. Pages, 614; octavo; cloth; gilt. Price \$5 net; postage 35 cents.

We find in the above volume material that every physician who is interested in the use of static electricity should be in possession of. It is the only exhaustive treatise on static electricity that we are acquainted with, and it deals very exhaustively with the whole subject. The author is careful to explain how static machines should be cared for. He does not wish the blame for failure to be attributed to the wrong cause, and endeavors to place the blame on the careless operator and the one who does not keep the machine free from dust and damp. We know of no instrument that requires more careful attention than a static machine; nor one that so soon deteriorates, but with proper care its action is absolutely certain. Considerable attention has been devoted to the production of X rays by the static machine. Dr. Monell has done most excellent work with the static machine, and his description of the apparatus, and how to use it, is very lucid. We cannot agree entirely with his remark in chapter vii. that "The high potential static current from therapeutic Holtz machines is superior to any coil known to be made at this date