

Book Reviews.

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We congratulate the Congress on this material method of bringing before the profession many excellent papers.

The first sixty pages give in full the names of officers, guests, members, etc., following this come two main articles, the first on the "Historical Development and Relative Value of Laboratory and Clinical Methods in Diagnosis," associated with the names of Osler, Barber, Stengel, Cabot and Blumer; the second on the "Comparative Value of the Medical and Surgical Treatment of the Immediate and Remote Results of Ulcer of Stomach," discussed by Musser, Stockton, A. J. Mayo, Munro, Jacobi and Janway. The address of R. H. Fitz, the President, on the "Borderland of Medicine and Surgery," concludes the volume.

MODERN MEDICINE, ITS THEORY AND PRACTICE, in original contributions by American and foreign authors; edited by Wm. Osler, M.D., Regius Professor of Medicine in Oxford University, England; assisted by Thos. McCrae, M.D. (Tor.), Associate Professor of Medicine and Clinical Therapeutics in the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. Vol. IV., illustrated. Philadelphia and New York: Lea & Febiger. 1908.

This latest addition to the new system of medicine deals with diseases of the circulatory system, the blood, spleen, thymus and lymph glands. Prof. Osler contributes a chapter on acute endocarditis, another on diseases of the valves of the heart, one on diseases of the arterics, and one on aneurism. The other contributors maintain the high standard set by the first three volumes and amply fulfil our expectations. The only criticism we have to offer to the volumes, as a whole, is that there is not the same easy flow to the sentences as one finds in some English works. But everywhere the utility of the American continent is in evidence, and perhaps makes amends. We are not sure that this is not a better library system for a busy general practitioner.