

said, "not any;" and being further interrogated, he said he heard as if wood was being sawed, and that he saw persons about him, but was not conscious of any thing being done to himself.

There was not the slightest disagreeable effect from the ether; and the case has since gone on well. Drs. Campbell, Bruneau, Fraser, Scott, and the Editor of the *British American Journal*, gave me their aid; and a large number of students witnessed the very satisfactory effects of the ether inhalation, in entirely abolishing the sense of feeling, while yet a certain degree of consciousness still remained.

The very simple mode of application, by means of a sponge, appears to me to possess advantages over any apparatus for inhalation I have seen tried.

Since writing the above, I removed the metacarpal bones of the hand (leaving the thumb) from a patient who had laboured under lupus for three years, which lately became so intolerably painful, that he urgently begged to have the hand amputated. For some days previously the ether was tried by inhalation, and on all occasions it produced irritability of stomach, and did not appear likely to allay the pain; however, the inhalation was continued during the operation, and he said that although he felt pain, it was very trifling.

The Annalist, a Record of Practical Medicine in the City of New-York, Semi-Monthly. Edited by Wm. C. ROBERTS, M. D., Fellow of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York.

This valuable semi-monthly Journal having reached its second volume, appears in a new dress, and considerably improved in every respect. Of our various exchanges, there is scarcely one whose appearance is more welcome than that of the subject of this notice. The Editorials are all *racily* written, and the subjects so admirably handled, as to place the Editor among the first of the class on this continent. He has most assuredly proved himself fully equal to the arduous and responsible duties to which he has devoted himself, with, we must confess, most untiring assiduity. In this country, this Journal might circulate with profit and advantage; the low price of \$2 is, of itself, sufficient to recommend it, apart from the variety and richness of its contents.

The New Jersey Medical Reporter, and transactions of the New Jersey Medical Society. Edited by JOSEPH PARISH, M. D., Burlington, 1847—October.

This new aspirant to public favour, of which the number before us is the first, purports to be "a medium for the publication of the transactions of the New Jersey

Medical Society, at the same time devoted to the interests of Medical Science generally." It is intended to be a Quarterly Periodical, and will be issued to subscribers at the rate of \$2 per annum. The present number contains 84 neatly printed pages. The style of the work may be gleaned from the following division of its contents. The first part contains the proceedings of the New Jersey Medical Society; 2nd.—Original communications, of which this number contains four; 3rd.—Bibliographical notices; 4th.—Editorial, and 5th.—An Eclectic Department. We will gladly exchange with our new contemporary in the field of Medical Literature, and cordially wish for him that success in his enterprise, which we assuredly anticipate, and which the present number so favourably bespeaks.

The American Medical Almanac, for 1848, containing Statistics of the various Medical Colleges, Hospitals, Dispensaries, &c., of the United States, together with other information of value to the Physician and Student. Philadelphia: Lindsay & Blackeston. 12mo.

This is an unpretending duodecimo, printed in an ordinary garb, but containing, even beneath its russet gown, something of sterling value. Its pages, we must confess, carry an interest of more value to the American Physician, than the Canadian; but, nevertheless, it comes recommended strongly to the Physician, be he located where he may, from the information afforded, not only with reference to the American Medical Institutions, but to numerous *points of practice*, containing, moreover, the code of Medical Ethics lately adopted by the United States Medical Convention, which is alone worth the whole price asked for the publication. Copies may be obtained of Messrs. Armour & Ramsay.

The Retrospect of Medicine, being a half-yearly Journal, containing a retrospective view of every Discovery and Practical Improvement in the Medical Sciences. Edited by W. BRAITHWAITE, Lecturer on Obstetric Medicine at the Leeds School of Medicine. Vol. XV. January to June, 1847. London: Simpkins, Marshall, & Co.—1847.

We have hitherto spoken of this Periodical in terms of the highest commendation; nor is our opinion of its value lessened, when we consider the object of the Editor, because in this instance, the Publisher or Printer has not done justice to the intention. We regard this Retrospect as one of the most valuable digests of Medical Literature of the day; but we regret exceedingly, that the present number is disgraced by a series of typographical blunders which bespeak such gross carelessness as seriously to endanger the character of the pub-