

tion, is itself incurable, it is in the power of the well-informed practitioner to do much to alleviate and remove the multiple morbid manifestations which result from the disturbance of the circulation, and it may truly be affirmed that in no class of chronic and essentially incurable diseases are the benefits of rational therapeutics more conspicuous. The author does not claim to have added much that is new to the established treatment of valvular affections, but has endeavored, 'concisely' and plainly, to lay down rules and give directions which will enable the practitioner to administer the cardiac medicaments with the greatest chance of success and the least risk. Chapter I. is devoted to studying the treatment of Compensated Mitral Affections. Chapter II. goes deeply into the action of heart tonics e.g., digitalis, caffeine, strychnine, &c. Chapter III. takes up the treatment of dropsies due to diseases of the heart. Chapters four, five and six are equally interesting and instructive.

### PAMPHLETS RECEIVED.

A copy of any of these would probably be sent by their respective authors if requested to do so by any of our readers:—

Cases in Orthopædic Surgery. By Ap Morgan Vance, M.D., Louisville, Ky., 1885.

Message of Gov. Robert L. Taylor to the Forty-Sixth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee.

Biennial Message of Richard J. Oglesby, Governor of Illinois, to the Thirty-Sixth General Assembly.

Pressure Forceps *versus* the Ligature and Suture in Vaginal Hysterectomy. By E. C. Dudley, M.D., Chicago, 1888.

Regulations of the Provincial Board of Health, for the direction of Local Boards of Health of the Province of Quebec.

A Defence of Electrolysis in Urethral Strictures, with documentary evidence. By Robert Newman, M.D., New York.

The Training of Nurses. By Hal C. Wyman, M.S., M.D., Professor of Surgery, Michigan College of Medicine and Surgery, Detroit.

Yellow Fever. Absolute Protection Secured by Scientific Quarantine. By Dr. Wolfred Nelson, 32 Nassau Street, New York, N.Y.

Osteotomy for Anterior Curves of the Leg. By De Forest Willard, M.D., Lecturer on Orthopædic Surgery, University of Pennsylvania, etc.

Femoral Osteotomy for the Correction of Deformity resulting from Hip-joint Disease. By Ap Morgan Vance, M.D., Louisville, Ky., 1888.

The Comparative Merits of Tracheotomy and Intubation in the Treatment of Croup. By George W. Gay, M.D., Visiting Surgeon to the Boston City Hospital.

Note on Rumbold's Method of Treatment of Catarrhal Inflammations of the Upper Air Passages. By Ely McClellan, M.D., Surgeon United States Army.

A New Method of Treatment of Diseases of the Urethra, Bladder, Uterus and Rectum—Dry Medication, Dry Treatment. By Elmer Lee, M.D., of St. Louis, Mo.

On the Relation Between the General Practitioner and the Consultant or Specialist. By L. Duncan Bulkley, A.M., M.D., Physician to the New York Skin and Cancer Hospital, etc.

Success and Failure of Electrolysis in Urethral Strictures, especially Dr. Keyes' Method Reviewed. By Robert Newman, M.D., Surgeon to the North-Western Dispensary, New York.

Vaginal Hysterectomy; Report of Four Cases. By J. H. Etheridge, A.M., M.D. (Rush), Professor of Materia Medica, Rush Medical College; Gynecologist to the Presbyterian Hospital and to the Central Free Dispensary.

### PERSONAL.

We are glad to hear that the health of Dr. Richard MacDonnell has been all but completely restored, and that it is his intention to return to Canada early in May.

Dr. Duquet, of Longue Pointe Insane Asylum, accompanied by Dr. L'Esperance, left Montreal on the 5th of April for a six months sojourn in Europe. Dr. Duquet will pass some time at the Morningside Asylum, near Edinburgh.

It is reported that Dr. George Ross will be transferred to the Chair of Practice of Medicine in McGill College, rendered vacant by Dr. Howard's death, and that Dr. Richard MacDonnell will replace Dr. George Ross in Clinical Medicine. If such is the case, we think a mistake has been made in the removal of Dr. Ross.

Dr. Robert Craik has been elected Dean of McGill Faculty of Medicine in place of Dr. R. P. Howard, deceased. The appointment is an excellent one, the new Dean possessing qualities of head and heart which must make him very acceptable to his colleagues, while (as he was when entirely engaged in lecturing) he will surely be the students' friend. Dr. George Ross was elected Vice-Dean. This latter is a new office.

Dr. Clarence R. Gillard, C.M., M.D. M.R.C.S., Eng., L.S.A., London, has begun practice in Montreal, having rented the office of the late Dr. Kennedy. We understand that Dr. Gillard was for eleven years in the service of the British Government in Jamaica, but the climate proving too severe for his health he was compelled to move north. Having married a Canadian lady several years ago, he was naturally induced to choose Canada for his home. He is an M.D. of Bishops College, 1885.

LITTLE WORDS OF KINDNESS.—It affords us great pleasure to be enabled to present to our readers the valuable article of Dr. A. Laphorn Smith, of Montreal, on "Some Minute but Important Details in the Management of the Continuous Current in Gynecology," found in the current number. To Dr. Smith, more than to any other American Gynecologist, belongs the credit of having established upon a scientific and exact basis the use of the continuous current in gynecology in this country. He was an earnest student of Apostoli at Paris, and has given to us a faithful translation of his work. Dr. Smith read an interesting paper before the gynecological section of the Ninth International Congress which provoked considerable discussion and favorable comment, and also another before the Association of American Obstetricians and Gynecologists, at Washington, September, 1888.—Editor *Albany Medical Annals*, March, 1889.