

The British Medical Association meet in London next week, I shall give you the particulars of it in my next, and will speak of the late Mr. Wakley. Indeed for the next few months I shall write monthly.

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## REVIEW DEPARTMENT.

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ART. LXI.—*Transactions of the Obstetrical Society of London, Vol. III. for the year 1861, with a list of Officers, Fellows, &c.* London: Longman, Green, Longman & Roberts, 1862, 8vo. pp. 480.

There are few societies in England which are more faithfully carrying out the principles upon which they were founded than the present one. Already three volumes of transactions have been presented to the profession, each one if possible, vying with its predecessor in richness of obstetrical detail. The volume before us, is much richer than its predecessors in the laboriousness of research which its papers display, and proves the fact that a society organised on such a foundation as that of the present, like a good tree, will bring forth much fruit.

The present volume of transactions contains no less than thirty-nine valuable papers on matters connected with obstetrical science, illustrated by ten engraved plates, some of which are coloured, and six wood cuts, executed in the highest style of art.

In a work like the present it is scarcely possible to do more than enumerate a few among the more prominent papers of merit. With such a view we would especially mention Dr. Tyler Smith's paper on ovariectomy: a paper on fibrous tumours of the uterus treated by surgical means, by J. Baker Brown, F.R.C.S.; a paper on uterine hæmatocele, by Henry Madge, M.D.; On the indication and operation for the induction of premature labour, and for the acceleration of labour, by Robert Barnes, M.D.; On a new pelvimeter, by J. Lumley Earle, M.D., an instrument, which to our mind, seems to answer every purpose and exhibits great ingenuity; On the treatment of cases of abortion in which the placenta and membranes are retained, by Wm. Priestly, M.D.; On inflammation of the breast and milk abscess, with an analysis of seventy-two cases, by T. W. Nunn, F.R.C.S.; Is the ergot of rye when administered to the mother during labour, dangerous or not to the life of the child? by R. Uvedale West, M.D.; On Vaginismus, by J. Marion Sims, M.D.; On cauterization by electric heat in the treatment of certain diseases of women, by R. Ellis, Esq. Such are a few out of the more prominent papers which this truly valuable volume of Transactions offers to our consideration, and as specimens of what might be termed the fugitive literature of obstetrical science, we deem the present and preceding volumes worthy of holding a conspicuous place in any medical library. The society is evidently prospering both in numerical and literary quality, and we heartily wish it the fullest amount of success which its most devoted well-wishers could ascribe to it.