

*Fractures and Dislocations.* By PROF. DR. H. HELFERICH, of Griepswald. Illustrated with sixty-eight plates and 126 figures in text, drawn by B. Keilitz. Translated from the third edition (1897) with notes and additional illustrations, by J. Hutchinson, jun., F.R.C.S., Surgeon to the London Hospital. 162 pp., 8vo. Price by subscribing for 1898. Annual subscription \$5.72, postage free. London: The New Sydenham Society. Publisher, H. K. Lewis, 136 Gower Street, London, W.C.

The New Sydenham Society completes its fortieth year with 1898. The volumes of this year are "Lexicon of Medical Terms" (twenty-fourth part), "Atlas of Pathology" (Fasciculus XII, Hodgkin's Disease), and the work under review. The volume requires very little introduction; it is indeed a classic. The text is written in a most fascinating manner; the illustrations are far superior to the average, while the skiagraphs are gems, all strikingly illustrative of the subject under consideration. The author treats all fractures as complicated or uncomplicated, which greatly simplifies matters, and abandons the terms simple, compound, and comminuted. The complicated fractures are those in which other tissues than the bones are involved. The fractures are of course presented in their numerous conditions, from the incomplete or greenstick to the different degrees of complete fracture.

The author "strongly recommends the more frequent use of anesthesia in suspected cases of fracture." This we consider of great importance. The true condition is arrived at without inflicting unnecessary pain to the patient, and without the resistance that the painful manipulations are bound to occasion. Great stress is laid on the completeness of examination. Cases of fracture being reduced while dislocations were overlooked are cited, and the subsequent discovery is very unpleasant to the surgeon in charge. The whole work is complete and a great addition to any library.

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