

It is to be regretted that one, who has seen so many cases, expresses no opinion whatever on the real pathology. No effort is made to clear up the disputed questions as to whether the paralysis is peripheral or central; and whether it is a neuritis, or the result of some toxic agency in the system. With Dercum's views on paralysis agitans that it is a functional affection of the cerebral cortex, few will likely agree. The progressive nature of the disease, the loss of power, the tremors, the contractures, the formation of bed sores, the great emaciation, all point to some nutritional and atrophic process. Surely the pathology of this disease is an organic change. T. R. Pooley, in his paper on "Ocular Symptoms in Bright's Disease," puts in a plea for the induction of premature labour in cases where there is retinitis. There can be no doubt that cases arise where it is of more importance that we should preserve the eyesight of the mother rather than the life of the child. W. H. Porter's lecture on "Syphilis as an Etiological Factor in Nervous Diseases" is an important one. Among other things it may be noted that the author is not afraid to use the iodides in severe cases, giving as much as "twelve and thirteen hundred grains per day, in divided doses." In severe forms of cerebral syphilis the ordinary doses are quite useless. It would be impossible to review all the lectures, thirty-eight in number. The volume contains a vast amount of valuable information, and is well up to date. The general make-up of the volume is excellent.—J. F.

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS RECEIVED.

A Report of Surgical Cases. By DONALD MACLEAN, M.D., Detroit.

Chloroform Inhalation. By H. A. MCCALLUM, M.D., London.

Chloralamide. The Treatment of Insomnia. By JOSEPH COLLINS, M.D.

Transactions of the American Otological Society. Twenty-fifth annual meeting.

Abdominal Section for Purulent Peritonitis resulting from Ectopic Gestation. By J. F. W. ROSS, M.D., Toronto.

Annual message of B. J. Baldwin, M.D., President of the State of Alabama.

Some Consideration on the Treatment of Cutaneous Malignant Epitheliomata. By A. R. ROBINSON, M.B., New York.

The Therapeutical Effects of Antikamnia. By HUGO ENGEL, A.M., M.D., Professor of Nervous Diseases and Clinical Medicine at Med. Chir. College, Philadelphia.

A Practical Treatise on Diseases of the Skin. By JNO. V. SHOEMAKER, A.M., M.D. Second edition, revised and enlarged, with chromogravure plates and other illustrations. New York: D. Appleton & Co., 1892.

A Hand-book of the Diseases of the Eye and their Treatment. By HENRY R. SWANZY, A.M., M.B., F.R.C.S.I., Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, etc. Fourth edition, with illustrations. London: H. K. Lewis, 136 Gower St., W.C., 1892.

Pictures for physicians, offices and libraries. Upon receipt of four cents in stamps, Wm. Wood & Co., New York, will send a sheet, size 11 x 14 inches, containing miniature reproductions in heliotype of their sixteen pictures.

Births, Marriages, Deaths.

BIRTHS.

FARNCOMB.—At Newcastle, on Monday, November 14th, the wife of A. Farncomb, M.D., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BIRDSALL.—CLARKE.—In St. John's Church, Port Arthur, on Tuesday, Sept. 6th, 1892, by the Rev. Rural Dean Machin, William Wallace Birdsall, M.D., C.M., to Mabel Stuart, younger daughter of the late Dr. Clarke, sheriff of Thunder Bay district.

LONGFORD.—BISNETT.—At the residence of the bride's father, Wednesday evening, November 9th, 1892, by Rev. J. M. McLaren, Charles B. Longford, M.D., to Jeanette, second daughter of A. L. Bisnett, all of Blenheim.

We regret to announce the death of Dr. George Ross, Professor of Medicine in McGill University and Senior Editor of the *Montreal Med. Journal*.