

*Lectures on Electricity in its Relations to Medicine and Surgery.* By A. D. ROCKWELL, A.M., M.D. New York: Wm. Wood & Co. Toronto: Willing & Williamson.

The second edition of these lectures contains some new matter—notably a lecture upon Franklinic Electricity, and a notice of the “Galvanic Accumulator,” or storage battery.

The author's methods of general faradization and central galvanization are clearly and carefully explained, the indications for their use detailed, and their inapplicability to all cases admitted. Caution is urged upon the practitioner in the empiric use of electricity. Profound study, close observation, and long experience are required for the successful use of this powerful therapeutic agent.

The Lectures will doubtless prove beneficial to those who may be desirous of taking up the study of electro-therapeutics, as also to the practitioner by giving useful hints in obstinate cases.

*Mental Pathology and Therapeutics.* By W. GRIESINGER, M.D., Professor Clinical Medicine and Mental Science, in the University of Berlin. Translated from the German (second edition). By C. Lockhart Robertson, M.D., Cantab., and James Rutherford, M.D., Edin. New York: William Wood, & Co., 1882.

The issue of Wood's Library for 1882, contains this well-known work, reproduced from the translation made by Drs. Lockhart Robertson, and Rutherford for the New Sydenham Society, in 1867. The first edition of the original having been published in 1845, and the second, now nearly twenty years ago, it would be manifestly unfair to institute a comparison between it and later works upon the subject. The volume is valuable, however, as having been *facile princeps* in its time, and as presenting the views and teachings of an ancient chief in the modern school of German Medical Psychology.

*The Diseases of the Rectum, including Fistula, Hemorrhoids, Painful Ulcer, Stricture, Prolapsus, &c.* By WM. ALLINGHAM, M.D., F.R.C.S., Surgeon to St. Mark's Hospital for Diseases of the Rectum, &c. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co., 1882.

Dr. Allingham's reputation in this specialty is world-wide, and this fourth edition of his Treatise on this subject is, as might be expected, a most excellent one. The fruits of his rich and ripe experience are evidenced on every page. In operating on internal hæmorrhoids he expresses a decided preference for the ligature, combined with incision after dilatation of the sphincters, and shows by reference to the statistics of others, as well as his own, that it is much safer than the operation with Henry Smith's clamp and cautery. His treatment of fistula, ulcer, stricture, &c., is sound, while safe, and we can find no place for unfavourable comments. When we consider the price (75 cents) we must certainly feel surprised, if it is not found in the majority at least of medical libraries.

*Treatment of Cancer.* By JOHN CLAY, Professor of Midwifery in Queen's College, and Obstetric Surgeon to the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham. London: J. & A. Churchill, 11 New Burlington street. Price, one shilling.

In this pamphlet Mr. Clay gives his original paper on the treatment of cancer—especially cancer of the female generative organs—by Chian turpentine, as they appeared in the London *Lancet*; and, while confirming the statements which appear therein, he adds much that is interesting on improved methods of using the remedy, together with other important aids in the treatment of this formidable malady.

The experience of the majority who have used Chian turpentine is rather disappointing, but, in the face of the evidence adduced by this distinguished surgeon, this agent must not be overlooked while we are treating cancer of the uterus, and if we decide to use it, we should be careful in adopting all the precautions recommended in procuring the pure article, and giving it a thoroughly fair trial with all the “aids” our author refers to.

*A Practical Laboratory Course in Medical Chemistry.* By JOHN C. DRAPER, M.D., LL.D., Professor of Chemistry in the Medical Department, University of New York. New York: Wm. Wood & Co.

This is a really admirable little work. Without making any of the pretensions of the innum-