

Reviews and Notices of Books.

PROGRESSIVE MEDICINE. A Quarterly Digest of Advances, Discoveries, and Improvements in the Medical and Surgical Sciences. Edited by HOBART AMORY HARE, M.D., assisted by CHARLES ADAMS HOLDER, M.D. Vol. 2, June, 1900. Lea Brothers & Co., Philadelphia and New York. Canadian Agents, J. A. Carveth, Toronto.

This volume contains articles on Abdominal Surgery and Hernia, by W. B. Coley, M.D., on Gynæcology by J. G. Clark, M.D., Diseases of the Blood, Diathetic and Metabolic Diseases, and Diseases of the Glandular and Lymphatic System by Alfred Stengel, M.D., and Ophthalmology by E. Jackson, M.D.

Dr. Coley, as the title of his article indicates, deals with a considerable variety of subjects. Gastric surgery, which at present commands so much attention, is treated in some detail. Richardson points out the difficulty of diagnosis in some cases of perforating gastric ulcer, quoting a case in which it was taken for appendicitis. In the Massachusetts General Hospital the surgeons have been particularly unfortunate in the results of operation for the relief of perforating gastric ulcer, losing nine out of ten cases, but it is only fair to state that no case was operated on in less than twenty-four hours after perforation. The brilliant results obtained by other surgeons in this operation do not receive much attention, and a perusal of the article does not quite convey the impression, which we believe should now exist, as to the excellent results of surgical interference in cases of this nature.

The articles on appendicitis and hernia are full of interest. Bassini's operation for the radical cure of hernia is illustrated by very clear figures, borrowed from the International Text-Book of Surgery, which render the successive steps of the operation so clear as to almost render the text superfluous.

Dr. Clark in his review of gynæcology deals with a number of topics in a clear and comprehensive fashion. His admirable summary of the use and abuse of saline injections will well repay perusal, whilst the section referring to the ultimate results after partial or complete removal of the ovaries and tubes cannot fail to interest either the gynæcologist or his critics.

Dr. Stengel's article on the blood contains some interesting observations, although no very striking advances have been made during the