only add now, that the changes, made by the author in his last edition, have been judicious, and add much to the value of the work.

"The additions are solely confined to the practical departments, whilst those chapters which treat of theory, or pathological principles, are rendered somewhat shorter than before."

The American reprint has been enriched with upwards of sixty wood-cuts, not contained in the original, and we are happy to find that in these additions, reference has been had to elucidating subjects of ordinary occurrence in the practice of the surgeon,—as the nature and phenomena of fractures and dislocations, the processes for their reduction, bandaging, &c.,—rather than operative displays with the knife, which tend to foster a taste for cutting,—the crying evil of surgery at the present day.

ART. XXII.—*Report on the Progress of Practical Medicine in the Departments of Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children, during the years 1842-3.* By CHARLES WEST, M. D., M. R. C. P., Physician to the Royal Infirmary for Children; and Physician-Accoucheur to the Finsbury Dispensary. London, 1844: pp. 37.

THIS report, which was originally published in our cotemporary, the *British and Foreign Medical Review* for April last, furnishes a pretty full and very well drawn up digest of the facts, which are either new or seem to illustrate what was already known, or to confirm the propriety of old modes of practice on the general subjects of which it treats during the period mentioned. We shall enrich our summary with such portions as relate to subjects not already noticed.

ART. XXIII.—*Transactions of the New York State Medical Society.* Vol. vi. Pl. I.
Albany, 1844: pp. 78, 8vo.

THE New York State Medical Society has, for many years, continued on its useful course, exerting always its influence in upholding the dignity of the profession, and for the improvement of our science, and annually publishing a collection of papers, with an abstract of its proceedings at its annual session.

The volume for the present year contains the annual address by Dr. White, on insanity, noticed in the last number of this journal; Observations on equivocal generation, by Dr. T. W. Blatchford; Medico-legal observations on two cases in which the crime of murder was charged, by Dr. A. Willard; Medico-legal testimony in a trial for murder by poisoning with arsenic, by Dr. N. S. Davis; on the deaths from poisoning, in the city and county of New York, during the years 1841, '42, and '43, by Professor J. B. Beck.

Dr. Beck has obtained from the records of the coroner of New York city and county, the following interesting statistics of poisoning, during the years just named.

Eighty-three inquests for poisoning were held—forty-six on males and thirty-seven on females.

Of these there were poisoned by

Arsenic,	-	-	-	13	Ardent Spirits,	-	-	-	1
Opium,	-	-	-	8	Gin,	-	-	-	1
Laudanum,	-	-	-	39	Alcohol and Laudanum,	-	-	-	1
Paregoric,	-	-	-	1	Brandy and Laudanum,	-	-	-	1
Solution of Morphia,	-	-	-	3	Strychnia,	-	-	-	1
Corrosive Sublimate,	-	-	-	3	Prussic Acid,	-	-	-	1
Colchicum,	-	-	-	1	Phosphorus,	-	-	-	1
Sulphuric Acid,	-	-	-	2	Carbonate of Potassa,	-	-	-	1
Tinct. of Sanguinaria,	-	-	-	4					
Tartar Emetic,	-	-	-	1	Total,				83