ART. XLIII.—*Transactions of the New York Pathological Society. Founded in 1844. Vol. I. Based on the Proceedings for the year 1875, and largely supplemented from the Records of 1844 to 1872. JOHN C. PETERS, M.D., Editor. 8vo. pp. lix. 272. New York: Wm. Wood & Co., 1876.*

SINCE the *Account of the Origin of the Society* claims (page x.) that "through its influence the institutions of medical learning throughout the country have been compelled to establish chairs of Pathology," it may not prove uninteresting or unprofitable to the members of the profession who live outside of New York, to briefly review the course of a society for medical improvement "whose reputation, in fact, is world-wide," and which now, as the fruits of its first third of a century of life, gives to the public its first volume of Transactions.

This volume has the familiar appearance of the Transactions of the Pathological Society of a sister city, but with the important point of difference, that it contains no illustrations. A few good cuts faithfully executed are found to be of great assistance in giving vividness and tangibility to verbal description, and sometimes most happily supplement the text. The first sixty pages of the work are devoted to the Preface, History of the Origin and Rise of the Society, including a list of its officers and members, and a List of the Specimens presented in 1875. The general plan of the book is that adopted by the London Pathological Society, and followed by the Philadelphia Pathological Society in the publication of their transactions. The present volume, however, only includes Diseases of the Nervous System, Organs of Respiration, Organs of Circulation, and of the Organs of Digestion, it having been found by the editor that it was impossible to crowd the whole of the transactions of 1875 and the illustrative cases into this volume. It is stated, however, that the remainder is ready for the press, at the pleasure of the Society, and preparations have been made for the speedy appearance in print of all that is valuable in the archives of the Society, if such be the wish of its members.

The first public meeting of the Society was held June 14th, 1844, with ten members present; the formation of the Society having been due to the exertions of two or three of the junior members of the profession, notably Drs. M. Goldsmith, J. C. Peters, and L. A. Sayre. During the remainder of the year meetings were held informally at different places, but in December permission was obtained to meet in the Hall of the College of Physicians and Surgeons (which was generously offered free of rent), where regular meetings have been held since January, 1845.

The volume has been ably edited by one of the founders of the Society, Dr. John C. Peters. The report of Cases and Specimens presented during the year 1875, is supplemented by numerous cases from the year 1844, and the notes are rendered more practical and interesting by apt quotations from Jones and Sieveking, Vogel, Wilks, Moxon, and numerous other authorities upon the different subjects treated. Under the head of Abscesses of the Brain 37 cases are reported, idiopathic, traumatic, syphilitic, and those connected with caries of the skull. Curiously enough one history is accidentally repeated, Case 15 and Case 19 being one and the same.

A valuable list of all the cases of Aneurism of the Aorta presented before the Society, has been compiled by Dr. Francis Delafield, which shows that in the 84 cases given only 10 were females, and only 7 under 25 years of age.

The typography and press-work are excellent, and we look with interest for the future volumes of the series, which have been promised.

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