time to time from a medical journal, is responsible, we presume, for its poor typographical appearance, but that cannot excuse the absence of any index, without which no scientific book should ever be published.

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ART. XXVII.—*Post-Mortem Examinations, with especial Reference to Medico-Legal Practice.* By PROFESSOR RUDOLPH VIRCHOW, of the Berlin Charité Hospital. *Translated from the Second German Edition,* by Dr. T. P. SMITH. 8vo. pp. 145. Philadelphia: Presley Blakiston, 1880.

IN the publication of a translation of the enlarged reprint of Virchow's contributions to the first volume of the "New Annals of the Charité Hospital," an exceedingly practical and handy work is offered to a large circle of readers.

We are informed in precise and exact terms how a post-mortem examination should be made, both with regard to the plan to be pursued, and the manner of making the several cuts into the various organs and tissues. The method of recording the results of the investigation is clearly indicated by the addition of the detailed account of the examination of four cases, and the value of the objective evidence is accurately stated in the form of the inferences which are drawn concerning the manner and cause of death.

The addition of the Regulations of the Prussian Government for the guidance of its medical officers is of especial value to those who may be employed to make autopsies for medico-legal purposes. It is earnestly to be desired that a copy of these regulations should be in the hands of every coroner and medical examiner in the country, and that his report to the grand jury or magistrate should be based upon the plan here presented. The opinions of medical experts would carry far greater weight and be much less liable to rebuttal if the data thus collected were placed before them in so accurate and unprejudiced a manner as the close following of these regulations would necessitate.

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ART. XXVIII.—*Transactions of State Medical Societies.*

1. *Proceedings of the Louisiana State Medical Association at its Second Meeting, held in the City of New Orleans, April 9, 10, and 11, 1879.* 8vo. pp. 206. New Orleans, 1879.
2. *Transactions of the Thirty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Ohio State Medical Society, held at Dayton, June 3, 4, and 5, 1879.* 8vo. pp. 218. Columbus, 1879.
3. *Transactions of the Indiana State Medical Society, 1879. Twenty-ninth Annual Session.* 8vo. pp. 252. Indianapolis, 1879.
4. *Transactions of the Twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Illinois State Medical Society, held at Lincoln, May 20 and 21, 1879.* 8vo. pp. 302. Chicago, 1879.

1. THIS volume of the *Louisiana Proceedings* contains two principal articles: Dr. Chaillé contributes an address on State Medicine and Medical