

geons of the British metropolis, but also by the sound judgment, candour, truth, and discretion which is every where evinced in his writings. The following remarks from the preface to the present volume are characteristic of the author.

"I have endeavoured, accurately and faithfully to record the facts, which have fallen under my observation; and, in the advancement of knowledge, time cannot fail to show how far the conclusions, at which I have arrived, are well founded. I trust that I have sufficient love of science to lead me to desire nothing so much as the attainment of truth; and that I am not so vain as to believe that none of my views can be erroneous. Indeed, one principal result of my labours has been to convince me that life is not long enough for these difficult researches; that the utmost which can be accomplished by the zeal and industry of an individual is to make such progress in the study of pathology as may enable those who come after him to carry their inquiries farther; and that the expectations of any one who aims at higher objects than these must terminate in disappointment."

We need scarcely to recommend the work to the attention of the practitioner and student. To be ignorant of Sir Benjamin Brodie's writings would be inexcusable.

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ART. XXII.—*The Hospitals and Surgeons of Paris. An Historical and Statistical Account of the Civil Hospitals of Paris, with Miscellaneous Information and Biographical Notices of some of the most eminent of the living Parisian Surgeons.* By F. CAMPBELL STEWART, M. D. New York: J. & H. G. Langley. Philadelphia: Carey & Hart, 1843, pp. 432, 8vo.

THIS volume reached us just as this sheet was preparing for press, and of course we have had an opportunity of merely glancing over its contents; but this rapid survey has revealed so much that is interesting in it, that we take advantage of a portion of a page at our disposal to invite the attention of the profession to it.

The design of the work is thus set forth by Dr. S., not very lucidly perhaps.

"Having experienced many inconveniences himself on his first arrival in Paris, from the want of correct knowledge as to the customs and habits of the place, and how to employ his time most advantageously, the author has endeavoured to supply it to those who may be going abroad; and besides the information in regard to their addresses, and the hours of admission to the various places of medical resort which is interspersed under different heads throughout the pages forming the first part, it will be seen that some sections have been composed for the benefit of this class of readers alone. A full list of the medical and scientific journals, published in Paris, has been introduced; and the Bibliographical Index will, it is hoped, prove useful to those who may be desirous of procuring French medical works."

The second part contains biographical notices of the principal living Parisian surgeons.

This volume constitutes not only the best guide we have seen for the American student visiting Paris, containing information not elsewhere to be found on record, but it presents a vivid picture of the existing condition of medical institutions, and the profession in Paris, which will be read with interest and instruction by the members of the profession generally in this country.

We have only room for one short extract more, and we select the following sentence from the preface, which needs no comment.

"The author has been requested to introduce into the work, a notice of the present condition of homœopathy in Paris; he regrets his inability to do so, from the circumstance of his being entirely ignorant of the estimation in which it is there held, never having heard it named, or made a topic of conversation amongst scientific men, or the intelligent portion of the French community, during the whole period of his residence abroad."