

pearance, apparently in the enjoyment of excellent health.

On examination I found a prominent enlargement of the submaxillary and cervical glands of both sides about equally, meeting, though less prominent, underneath the chin. The growth was painless, hard, and not tender to pressure. There were no enlargements of other glands noticeable. The appetite was good; no feeling of sickness whatever. The glandular swelling remained *in statu quo* for as many as ten days, when there was some swelling of the inguinal glands also. Soon the mesenteric glands became enlarged and increased in size rapidly, distending the abdomen and crowding up the diaphragm, interfering seriously with the patient's breathing when in the recumbent posture. The spleen also partook of the general enlargement quite extensively. There was repeated copious hæmorrhage from the nose, which required to be kept in check by plugging the nares. The patient became pallid, anæmic, and sank rapidly, dying January 12, 1885.

An examination of the patient's blood three days before death, by Dr. Cutler, showed the proportion of white to red corpuscles greatly increased—about one to thirty or forty of red.

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Spring Green, Wis., May 10, 1885.

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EDITOR JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION:

*Dear Sir,*—Lest any misconception might arise, I would like to say that the photograph sent and figured on page 396 of the JOURNAL was from a pathological specimen presented before the Eau Claire County Medical Association by Dr. Harold Groff, and reported by me as Secretary of the Association.

Yours Respectfully,

CHAS. E. HOGEBOOM.

Eau Claire, Wis., May 15, 1885.

## BOOK REVIEWS.

A TREATISE ON ABDOMINAL PALPITATION, AS APPLIED TO OBSTETRICS, AND VERSION BY EXTERNAL MANIPULATIONS. By A. PINARD, Associate Professor in the Faculty of Medicine of Paris, former Chef of the Obstetrical Clinic, etc. With 29 woodcuts inserted in the text. Paris, 1878. Translated by L. E. Neale, M.D., Chef of the Obstetrical Clinic and Demonstrator of Obstetrics in the University of Maryland. 8vo, pp. 101. New York: J. H. Vail & Co., 1885.

Important as is the subject of abdominal palpitation in the diagnosis of pregnancy, and of positions and presentations, it is one of which but very little is known or taught in this country. Pinard's little work on the subject has been the

authority in France since its first appearance, and it is with pleasure that we notice this translation by one so well qualified to make a clear translation as Dr. Neale. The cuts are well made and are faithful representations of those in the original edition. We find it necessary to quarrel with both translator and publisher, however, because the book contains neither table of contents nor index. The former may be omitted; the latter may not, if a book is supposed to make a respectable appearance. The utility of an index is so apparent that it is a source of astonishment that a publisher will sometimes allow any book to go out from his house without one; and in this day, when even some of the larger newspapers have a table of contents to each number, it seems that the omission of so important a part of a book as the index is absolutely inexcusable on any ground—even of laziness.

THE STUDENTS' MANUAL OF HISTOLOGY. FOR THE USE OF STUDENTS, PRACTITIONERS AND MICROSCOPISTS. THIRD EDITION. ENTIRELY REWRITTEN; GREATLY ENLARGED; AND NEWLY ILLUSTRATED. By CHARLES H. STOWELL, M.D., F.R.M.S., Professor of Histology and Microscopy, and in charge of the Histological Laboratory of the University of Michigan. Illustrated by 178 engravings. 8vo, pp. 368. Ann Arbor, Mich. Charles H. Stowell, Publisher. 1884.

That there is room for this work on Histology is shown by the fact that two editions have been exhausted since March, 1881. As the book has been before the public so favorably for the past four years it is scarcely necessary to enter into an extended notice of it; it is quite sufficient to say that the author has not allowed anything new, which may be of the least value to the student of histology, to escape his notice, nor has he failed to record it in his book. His style is perfectly clear, and it is almost sufficient to read its pages in order to fall thoroughly in love with the subject. Of the many illustrations there are some which would be greatly improved by better press work, and the paper might be improved upon; but considering the excellence of the book in its more important particulars, these are very minor faults. The work is completed by an excellent index, and by blank pages for laboratory notes.

OFFICIAL REGISTER OF PHYSICIANS AND MIDWIVES NOW IN PRACTICE, TO WHOM CERTIFICATES HAVE BEEN ISSUED BY THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH OF ILLINOIS, 1877-1884. Chicago: W. T. Keener, 1884.

On account of the limited edition of this Official Register authorized to be printed, the State Board of Health of Illinois has arranged with Mr. Keener, of Chicago, to publish an edition to supply the demand from without the state. The volume contains: The Illinois Practice Act; The State Board of Health Act; Con-