

conclusions previously arrived at.—*Deutsch. Zeitschr. f. Chir.*, Bd. 25, Hft. 1 and 2, December 8, 1886.

W. W. VAN ARSDALE (New York).

II. Sarcomatous Floating Tumor of the Knee-Joint. By R. F. WEIR, M. D. (New York). In addition to the two cases which he had already reported (*ANNALS OF SURGERY*, Vol. iv, p. 359) the speaker had about six weeks previously removed a sarcomatous pedunculated tumor from the left knee-joint of an Italian, æt. 42, the joint having been disabled for several months; beginning as an ordinary synovitis, sundry painful catchings of the knee-joint with aggravation each time of the difficulty of walking soon followed. On the inner aspect of the knee could be felt a movable and rather hard body of the size of the end of the forefinger. On incision under carbolic spray down to the mass previously fixed with a tenaculum, it was found to be, instead of cartilage, a reddish yellow tumor about an inch long, attached by a slender pedicle, which was tied with catgut and severed and the growth removed. The wound was not sutured, but dressed antiseptically, and the limb secured in a posterior splint; no reaction followed, and at the end of ten days the dressings were removed and the patient allowed to move his limb cautiously about the bed, and a week later to walk. A month after the operation, when about to be discharged from the hospital, he committed suicide, which permitted microscopical examination of the tissues comprising the joint, which showing that the sarcomatous growth had not affected any of them, which confirmed Dr. Weir's theory that in these cases it is sufficient to remove the offending mass; his first case, operated upon in 1884, which is still free from recurrence, further confirms this view.—*New York Surgical Society*, December 8, 1886.

III. The Cure of Cancer by Operation. By GEORGE F. SHRADY, M. D. (New York). The author epitomizes his paper under six heads, as follows: 1. Cancer is essentially a local disease, and can be cured by operation in spite of recurrence. 2. Operation, when it does not cure, prolongs life and diminishes the total amount of suf-