

Book Reviews.

PROGRESSIVE MEDICINE. A Quarterly Digest of Advances, Discoveries and Improvements in the Medical and Surgical Sciences. Edited by HOBART AMORY HARE, M.D. Vol. iv, December, 1901. Diseases of Digestive Tract and Allied Organs: Liver, Pancreas and Peritoneum, Genito-urinary Diseases, Anesthetics, Fractures, Dislocations, Amputations, Surgery of the Extremities and Orthopedics. Diseases of the Kidneys, Physiology, Hygiene, Practical Therapeutic Referendum. Lea Brothers & Co., Philadelphia and New York.

This volume of Progressive Medicine contains an especially valuable résumé of a number of contributions to recent literature on the subject of anesthetics. The discussion of this important adjunct of surgery, at the 30th German Surgical Congress held in Berlin in May, 1901, furnishes abundant material. Mikulicz says that since the collection of Gurlt's statistics with regard to narcosis, matters have changed very much and local anesthesia must always be considered as a possible solution of difficulties connected with general anesthesia. Besides the subject of general anesthesia, the subsidiary questions of the various methods of local anesthesia and of spinal anesthesia receive full discussion.

The chapter on genito-urinary diseases contains some extremely interesting material. The old question of the possibility and of the severity of non-specific urethritis is illustrated by recent studies made in connection with microscopic investigations. The question of treatment in gonorrhea is very thoroughly considered and it is announced that while protargol remains the favorite, nargol, a newer preparation, has decided advantages, which are securing recognition. Nargol may be injected in the acute stage, combined with berberine—five grains of nargol and one grain of berberine to the ounce of water, being the beginning dosage.

Dr. Thornton's practical therapeutic referendum at the end of this volume contains some very thoroughly useful prescriptions, some of them containing valuable drugs not well enough known in this country.

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ARBEITEN AUS DEM NEUROLOGISCHEN INSTITUTE AN DER WIENER UNIVERSITÄT. Herausgegeben von Prof. Dr. Heinrich Obersteiner. Heft viii. Franz Deuticke, Leipzig und Wien, 1902.

Neurologists are very familiar with these "Arbeiten" from Prof. Obersteiner's laboratory in Vienna, and the importance which these publications have acquired is shown by a comparison of this latest and extensive volume with the much smaller first number. One is impressed in reading this latest volume by the attention that has been paid to anatomical and pathological subjects irrespective of their bearing on clinical neurology. There seem to be fewer cases studied both clinically and pathologically than have been contained in former numbers of the "Arbeiten."