

Vol. III contains a symposium of medical and surgical papers on diseases of the gall-passages and gall-bladder. Dr. Musser's paper shows valuable temperature studies and reports of cases. He advocates cholecystotomy as the best cure for cholecystitis. A very valuable paper is that on the causation, symptoms, and diagnosis of gall-stones by Dr. Rudolph. This presents the subject in a very clear light.

Dr. Stockton's paper considers the diagnosis and treatment of cholecystitis from a medical stand-point. He insists that, while it is not only useless but reprehensible to delay the assistance which surgical intervention alone can bring to many patients, we are not yet in a position where it is proper to demand a cholecystotomy as soon as a diagnosis of gall-stone is made. The majority of patients, he says, can be greatly benefited by appropriate medical treatment, and many will recover by medical treatment alone; and he goes on to lay down a very rational line of treatment for these cases. We cannot see, however, how salol, sodium salicylate, aspirin, and antipyrin can have much effect on these cases. The surgical side of this question is discussed by Dr. Lejars and Dr. Deaver. Other surgical papers are on cocaine anæsthesia, general anæsthesia, asepsis and antisepsis, gastrotomy, concussion of the brain, intrascrotal tumors, and the modern treatment of varicose veins.

Each of these volumes contains a good index.

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