

This work of Dr. Tilt is of a clinical character, presenting records and observations relating to many cases of an interesting or typical nature, and recommending appropriate treatment such as he has in his own experience found most beneficial. It is divided into twelve chapters, the headings of which we give for the benefit of the reader, that he may understand the nature of the subjects treated, viz: Physiology of the change of life; its general pathology; principles of treatment at the change; principles of hygiene at the change; diseases of the ganglionic nervous system; diseases of the brain at the change; neuralgic affections; diseases of the reproductive organs; of the gastro-intestinal organs; of the skin, and other diseases, not contained in the preceding classification, such as gout, rheumatism, diseases of the lungs, heart, and bloodvessels, etc. There are no less than thirty-five statistical tables covering a variety of subjects, many of which are collected from his own experience. These have enabled the author to materially condense the matter of the volume which is presented in a very compact form, with headings so arranged, that it is an easy matter to glance over the book, find what it contains, and select any subject wanted.

The book is a valuable addition to our collection of works upon the diseases of women, and their medical treatment. It is well printed, and being low in price ought to have an extensive sale, if the merits of the work, and its usefulness as a means of practical instruction, are at all properly estimated by the profession. The reputation of the author ought to be a guarantee, that the book is well worth a place in every medical library. Although upon a special class of cases, the range is such as to reach almost every variety in general practice where women are to be treated.

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ART. XXXVII.—*Regional Surgery, including Surgical Diagnosis.*  
Part I., *The Head and Neck.* By F. A. SOUTHAM, F.R.C.S. 8vo.  
pp. xvi., 229. London: J. & A. Churchill, 1882.

THIS is the first instalment of three volumes to be devoted to Regional Surgery. The others are to contain respectively the Trunk and Arm, and the Groin and Leg. It will be a useful book, chiefly to the young and inexperienced practitioner in pointing out to him when puzzled what affections are most likely to be met with in the region under consideration, and the peculiarities of each. The man of large experience will hardly seek it at least more than once. It whets the appetite, but it does not feed. It is in other words too elementary and too brief. Many of the subjects treated, of course, need mere mention, but in other cases the description of the affection and of the means for making a differential diagnosis are so compressed that justice is not done. None of the delicate refinements of diagnosis can be introduced; there is not room for them.

Of course, Allen's Anatomy has been written with a different object in view; but, of the two books, Allen's will be the more satisfactory and useful. But the ideal book on "Regional Surgery" has yet to be written. The process of evolution has begun; each author adds his mite. The good points survive by incorporation into the next book. After a time the profession may hope to attain its desires.

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