

The work opens with seven diagrammatic plates which, were it not for the confusing numbers and letters with long "fingers" to denote their intention, would enhance the value of the text in no slight degree. A physician's life is generally made up of too few hours, and he can therefore ill-afford the struggle of deciphering no less than seventeen tracings or references on a single plate of small size. It will be seen that the placing of such requirement in a "Leisure" library is smilingly significant.

The text is orthodox, dealing first with the lungs, where 56 pages are devoted to a clear and concise statement of the physical signs in health and disease. Then follows Part II—heart and aorta—the concluding chapter of which, however, touches upon physical exploration of the liver, spleen, stomach, and pancreas. Altogether this little manual will find a place of some value.

A GUIDE TO THE PRACTICAL EXAMINATION OF URINE. For the use of physicians and students. By JAMES TYSON, M.D., etc. Seventh edition. Revised and corrected. With a colored plate and wood engravings. Philadelphia, P. Blakiston, Son & Co. 1891. Pp. 255.

No important change has been made in issuing a new edition of this handy little volume. The general arrangement and plan of the work makes it a ready guide for the student, as well as enabling a quick reference for the busy practitioner.

Prof. Tyson still holds—and we do not know but wisely—to the superior reliability of the time-honored "heat" test for albumen. In the light of claims—which are not without well-accepted authority—put forth from time to time of late years, we were prepared to see their advocacy or adoption; but in language not to be misunderstood the author treats the claims honestly, and as honestly expresses his thorough satisfaction with those tests which in his hands have left but little more to be desired.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Shall The Journal be Removed to Washington?

WHAT OUR ADVERTISING PATRONS HAVE TO SAY ON THE REMOVAL QUESTION.

To the Editor:—Permit me to request the insertion in THE JOURNAL of the accompanying circular and blank sent out to our advertising patrons, with their replies thereto in tabulated form. My reason for seeking space in your columns is the desire that the members of the Association may be fully informed as to how business men, who contribute nearly one-half the income of THE JOURNAL, look upon the proposition to remove it to Washington. Though the majority of our advertisers are not members of the Association, still their opinion, coming as it does from practical business men having a financial interest in its success, should have weight in the settlement of this question.

Some members may look with disfavor upon this method of gauging the business future of THE JOURNAL, to such I would say, most respectfully, that when the advertising interests of THE JOURNAL were confided to my care I found them very low, but by persistent and systematic work have increased the receipts from that source three hundred per cent. This statement is made to bring out the point that the bulk of this increase is due to having proved to the satisfaction of advertisers that THE JOURNAL is THE profitable medical advertising medium of the West.

It was therefore desirable to obtain their views in the premises, and after obtaining them to submit them to the members of the Association as detailed in the table on pages 536-7, which shows that 15 voted for Washington, representing 13 per cent. of the cash receipts from advertising for the financial year just closed; 45 for Chicago, and a few not voting. J. HARRISON WHITE, Office of THE JOURNAL, Business Manager.

68 Wabash ave., Chicago.

Dear Sir:—Some members of the Association are desirous of making Washington the permanent home of THE JOURNAL, and the question is to come before the members at their annual meeting next May. Being of the opinion that the advertising patrons, who contribute so largely towards its financial success, should have an opportunity of expressing their views on the matter, I ask you to consider the question in all its bearings, and give me your reply at an early date. Very truly yours, J. HARRISON WHITE, Business Manager.

Chicago, January 2, 1891.

PLEASE FILL OUT BLANKS AND RETURN IN ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.

Do you favor the removal of the Journal of the American Medical Association from Chicago to Washington?
Would you consider the Journal of the same value to you as an advertising medium if located in Washington?
Remarks
Signed

To the Editor:—The question of the removal of THE JOURNAL from Chicago to Washington, which is now being discussed by many physicians in every part of the United States, is, to my mind, clearly opposed by a large majority of the members of the Association—and I, for one, say, Let it remain where it is, a place which is approved of by the great majority, as I firmly believe.

B. S. WOODWORTH, A.M., M.D.

Fort Wayne, Ind., March 28, 1891.

To the Editor:—Except as I desire to see THE JOURNAL represent the best thought and the highest standard of the American medical profession, I am in no way interested in its place of publication nor in who edits it. I do not know the origin of the agitation to take THE JOURNAL to Washington, but I surmise that it arose out of a feeling that some change was desirable.

I do not know how much editing the present editors feel justified in performing, nor exactly what is meant by the term "supervising editor" employed by Dr. Reed in his communication in THE JOURNAL of March 28, but certainly the "supervision" has been somewhat lax. Doctors are not always good writers, I have no reference to the old illegible prescription story, I mean that they do not always pay much attention to the rules of grammar or composition. And even those who have a message of importance to communicate, are not by any means direct and certain in their statements.

My impression of editorial duty extends beyond writing leaders, and making up the contents of a number of THE JOURNAL, and until the editors feel warranted in rigidly enforcing the ordinary and reasonable rules of composition, and either editing or rejecting all communications which make both writer and JOURNAL ridiculous, there will continue to be dissatisfaction, whether THE JOURNAL is published in Chicago or Washington.

Dr. Reed's comparisons are very lame. Apply his remark about employing a practical physician or surgeon. Does any one for a moment suppose that if Dr. Reed