above all things by utility, which is the aim and end of all instruction. The course, in consequence, will be divided into two parts: the first relative to general, the other to special pathology; which latter, I need not tell you, will merit on your part an especial study.

1st. In the general pathology, we shall study what are called the elementary lesions, those which, united among themselves, are found at the bottom of the different forms of insanity. This is the manner in which we proceed in the study of all classes of disease.

The general pathology of mental alienation includes the study of pathological physiology. It is as necessary to understand the manner in which the morbid phenomena produce themselves in the lesions of the faculties, as in the organic lesions; and this work is preparatory, otherwise it would be necessary to make a digression before each patient, and in relation to each disease, if we have not taken the precaution to do this in advance. The general pathology will include the physiology of delirium, and all other generalities, which precede in a methodic instruction the study of particular diseases; thus, for example, we must study the pathological physiology of hallucination before examining any patient subject to that phenomenon.

2nd. In the special pathology, I need not tell you, is ranged the description of the different forms of mental alienation.

The Microscope, and its Application to Clinical Medicine, by LIONEL BEALE, M.B., LOND., *Professor of Physiology and Morbid Anatomy in King's College.* London: Highley. 8vo. pp. 303.

This book, one of Mr. Highley's *Library of Science and Art*, is by far the best adapted for the medical practitioner which has yet appeared on the subject.

We will mention two or three of the things which it does *not* contain.

It does *not* contain a series of elaborate steel plates of various forms and modifications of microscope stands, adapted for the entertainment of those who are curious in the subtleties of mechanics. It does *not* contain a minute description of all the bad microscopes which ever were invented in past ages, displaying an amount of research worthy of the Society of Antiquaries. It does *not* contain a philosophical disquisition on the principles of optics, adapted for the study of gentlemen who are preparing for honours at Cambridge. It does *not* contain an account of the construction and manufacture of the microscope; *neither* does it pursue and describe the capabilities of the instrument in botany, geology, mineralogy, etc. Lastly, it does *not* contain a number of large gaudily colored prints, representing the tissues of the body as they appeared to the imagination of some observer, unfortunately too small to serve as diagrams in a lecture room.

It is not written in a manner to bewilder or mislead; and, in truth, it has evidently been written for the use and instruction of that busy and practical race, who value the instrument as a ditcher values his spade, hoping by its means to delve deeper and deeper still into the secrets of disease.

It will, perhaps, be fair now to state what the book does contain. It contains 232 well executed woodcuts, mostly "copied from drawings taken by the author from objects actually under observation." It contains 303 pages, in which it would be difficult to point to a paragraph which the most utilitarian reader would condemn as superfluous; and it describes, in an agreeable and simple style, the whole art and science of medical microscopy. We know it as a fact, that many men who have been perplexed by their microscopes, and still more by former books of instructions, have made rapid progress by the aid of this excellent treatise.

We hoped to have given extracts on the examination of the brain and nerves, but want of space forbids: and we are the more reconciled to the omission as most of our readers will probably get the book.

Appointment.

In consequence of Dr. Wingett having withdrawn, DR. MANLEY, late Assistant Medical Officer of the Devon County Lunatic Asylum, has been appointed Medical Superintendent to the HANTS COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM.

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