

The treatment consisted in the application of a solution of atropia to the conjunctiva, which caused enlargement of the pupil in about the usual period. The patient was then placed upon her back, and the lens soon returned to the posterior chamber.

More than four years have elapsed since this patient was exhibited to the Society. It is therefore certain that the lens may continue displaced for this length of time without undergoing any apparent change either in size or transparency. Another instance, where, however, the dislocation was traumatic and not spontaneous, has been nearly three years under Dr. Williams's observation, without the occurrence of any opacity or absorption; but in this case there is reason to believe that the lower portion of the suspensory ligament may not have been ruptured.

Bibliographical Notices.

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THIS is a volume of a goodly bulk, exceeding, we are told, the combined issues of former years. It contains a large amount of interesting matter, and reflects much credit on the Pharmaceutical Association. It is chiefly made up of reports of committees and others on various subjects connected with pharmacy, some of which are of the highest importance. We have already referred to two of these papers—the Report on Weights and Measures, and that on Professional Intercourse between the Apothecary and Physician. Among others to which we would particularly direct attention, are the Syllabus of a Course of Study, intended as an Aid to Students of Pharmacy, by William Procter, Jr., an admirable guide to those for whom it is intended; the Report on the Home Adulteration of Drugs: on the Medicinal Plants of Michigan, by Charles Stearns; on Mercury, by Charles Bullock; on the Detection of Adulterations of Volatile Oils, by John M. Maisch. One of the most valuable papers in the volume is entitled Notes and Suggestions upon some of the Processes of the United States Pharmacopœia, especially directed to the Committees of Revision, by Edward R. Squibb, of New York. It contains many valuable suggestions concerning the formulæ of the Pharmacopœia, which the writer's large experience and practical acquaintance with chemistry and pharmacy enable him to furnish. We think that this article alone is worth the price of the book. A paper on the Peppermint Plantations of Michigan, by Frederick Stearns, of Detroit, will surprise many readers, who are ignorant of the fact that for the last ten years the chief supply of the oil of peppermint produced in the world has been sent from a single county (St. Joseph), in the south-western part of Michigan, about two thousand acres being employed in producing the mint plant.

We should do injustice to the Executive Committee not to say that this volume is printed in a style worthy of the Association. We hope it will be extensively circulated among apothecaries, and we believe it will do much for the progress of pharmacy in our country.