Harveian Lectures on the Mode of Death from Acute Intestinal Strangulations and Chronic Intestinal Obstruction. By THOMAS BRYANT, F.R.C.S. London: J. & A. Churchill. 1885.

THESE lectures, three in number, were delivered before the Harveian Society of London, and have already appeared in the weekly medical journals. They are now, however, reprinted from the *British Medical Journal*, and presented to the profession in the form of a small pamphlet. The attention which, it is well known, Mr. Bryant has devoted to this particular branch of surgery, renders the study of his lectures one of peculiar value and interest. The operation of colotomy is especially associated with his name, and the table given recording his results will be read with profit. The lectures are illustrated by some five dozen cases taken either from the author's private or hospital practice, or from those of his medical and surgical colleagues at Guy's Hospital, so that a certain sense of reliableness is especially attached to them. They of themselves, in many cases, are subjects for study. These lectures we can commend as cordially to the specialist as to the general practitioner. Both alike will gain by their perusal much that is profitable as to diagnosis and treatment.

How to Use a Galvanic Battery in Medicine and Surgery. By HERBERT TIBBITS, M.D. Third Edition. London: J. & A. Churchill. 1886.

THE earlier editions of this excellent little work are well known, and the third edition has been carefully revised, and all real improvements noted. Practitioners interested in this subject will find the book of the greatest value, and we can thoroughly recommend it. The author differs from other authorities about the value of some instruments, *e.g.*, the galvanometer, and while we cannot accept many of his views on these points, we are convinced, taken as a whole, that the book will maintain the high position it has occupied in the past.