

**CORONERS.**—Dr. R. W. Clark of Hastings Ont., has been appointed associate coroner for the Counties of Northumberland and Durham Ont.

Dr. Stanley Scott of Newmarket, has been appointed an associate coroner for the County of York.

Dr. W. H. Taylor, of Bradford, has been appointed an associate coroner for the County of Simcoe.

**BRITISH QUALIFICATIONS.**—W. F. Cleaver M. D. Kingston, has been admitted a member of the Royal College of Surgeons England. Drs. M. L. Cameron, W. Gunn, H. R. Elliott, D. McTavish, and W. Cormack, have received the double qualification of L. R. C. P., & S. Edinburgh; and Drs. E. A. Stutt, A. McC. Sloan, and G. Wilcock, have received the L. R. C. P., Edinburgh.

F. O. S.—Dr. F. P. Taylor of Charlottetown, P. E. I., has been elected a Fellow of the Obstetrical Society of London, England.

Dr. St. Jean, has been elected mayor of Ottawa, without opposition.

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### Books and Pamphlets.

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1. LECTURES ON DIGESTION: By E. A. Ewald, lecturer in the Royal College of Berlin, etc. etc.
2. INDIGESTION AND BILIOUSNESS: By J. Milner Fothergill, M.D., M.R.C.P., etc. etc., London.
3. FOOD AND DIETETICS: By F. W. Pavy, M.D., F.R.S., F.R.C.P., etc., etc.
4. GENERAL MEDICAL CHEMISTRY: By R. A. Wihhaus, A.M., M.D. Professor of Chemistry and Toxicology in Vermont University, etc., etc., etc.
5. THE WILDERNESS CURE: By Mark Cook.

The above books are all from the enterprising press of Wm. Wood & Co., New York. We have done our best to get through the first three, but we regret to have to confess that the condition of our digestive powers was very little improved by the undertaking. Somebody, and he was no fool, said those who digest well, have never found out that they have a stomach. This was not our state of mentality on relinquishing the perusal of the gastric triad which heads our present list. How could one swallow, without feeling flatulent and squeamish, the following dose, presented in Dr. Ewald's 9th lecture?

"If," says the author, "I were to give you a table of the action of the pancreas on albumen and gelatine, similar to that for pepsine, leaving out chemical details" (thanks, dear Ewald, for the grace) and accepting Kiihne's views, it would take the following shape:

Albumen x Trypsin (Pancreatin)x. Soda solution of 1 p. c. forms, at the body temperature, first globulin insoluble in water, and then:

*Hemipeptone.*—Leucin, Trypsin, Hypoxanthin, Asparaginic Acid, Glycoll: Normal Digestive Products. *Antipeptone.*—Indol, Phenol, Fatty Acids, Ammonia, Sulph. Hydrogen, Carbonic Acid:

Are not the above jawbreakers, enough to turn topsy-turvy the whole process of digestion, and to make a prudent person forswear forever the mastication of a particle of gristle? for from this tissue, roasted, boiled or stewed, come forth the seven *half-toned* abominations, which generate *bacteria* and *micrococci*, and who knows how many more of their *ad infinitum* backbiters. Let the reader hear and ponder well. "It scarcely needs to be mentioned that the occurrence of the bodies described as products of putrefaction" (bah! sulph. hydrogen) "is contemporaneous with the development of bacteria," (back out, if you can, from that,) "and micrococci, as an almost universally admitted result of them. These organisms are taken up with the food, and find in the intestine a favourable nidus for their development." Alas, for us defenceless, human bipeds! but thrice happy "just killed dogs and rabbits," in whom Ewald has "never found bacteria or micrococci;" yet dogs eat gristles and bones whenever they are fortunate enough to light upon them, nor is it very common with them to eruct sulphuretted hydrogen. This must be the result of their ignorance of organic chemistry.

Here is another truly startling fact, which we have shuddered over, in Ewald's 10th lecture.

"But if we turn away from this practical point," (whatever that was) "it is certainly very interesting that phenol, which we make use of extensively every day for its antiseptic properties, should be found as a product of putrefaction, and that actually in our own intestines!"

And why not? Should not home manufactures be encouraged? and is it not a homœopathic certainty that like cures, (or kills), like? Have not Jenner and Pasteur proved that infinitesimal contagion of men and animals proves re-