

Diseases of the Female Mammary Glands, by TH. BILLROTH, M.D., of Vienna, and *New Growths of the Uterus*, by A. GUSSEROW, M.D., Berlin. Illustrated. These two works constitute Vol. IX. of the "Cyclopædia of Obstetrics and Gynecology," (12 vols. price \$16.50) issued monthly during 1887. New York: William Wood & Co.

Personal.

Dr. Bigelow has left Parkdale to practice in Chicago.

Dr. E. E. King has returned to the city from New York, where he devoted himself to the study of genito-urinary surgery.

A. B. Macallum, M.A., Lecturer on Physiology in Toronto University, will return from Germany early this month.

Dr. Alonzo Clarke, one of New York's oldest and ablest physicians, died Sept. 13th, in his 81st year.

Dr. James Kerr, of Winnipeg, has returned home after an absence of four months. He and Dr. Sheppard, of Montreal, visited the principal hospitals of Great Britain and the Continent.

Births and Marriages.

BIRTHS.

TUCKER—At Orono, on the 12th September, the wife of Dr. M. M. Tucker, of a daughter.

FERGUSON—At 321 Spadina Avenue, Toronto, on the 25th of August, the wife of Dr. J. Ferguson, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

TAYLOR-TOOZE—At Toronto, on the 14th of September, at the residence of the bride's mother, by the Rev. Dr. Thomas, W. O. Taylor, M.D., Princeton, Ontario, to Jessie, fourth daughter of the late Mark Tooze.

GARRETT-KIRKPATRICK—In St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, on the 14th Sept., 1887, by the Rev. Buxton B. Smith, M.A., R. W. Garrett, M.D., Kingston, to Minnie Louisa, only daughter of the late Alexander S. Kirkpatrick, barrister, Kingston.

WORTHINGTON-COOK—At the Metropolitan Church, Toronto, on the 14th of September, by the Rev. J. Lawson Forster, LL.B., of London, England, and the Rev. E. Stafford, LL.B., Arthur Norreys Worthington, M.D., second son of E. D. Worthington, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., Sherbrooke, P.Q., to Emma May, second daughter of H. H. Cook, Esq., M.P., Parkdale.

Miscellaneous.

EFFERVESCING BROMO-SODA WITH CAFFEINE.—This speciality, for which Mr. W. R. Warner & Co., of Philadelphia, are initially responsible, is attracting a good deal of attention just now both in Europe and America, and we have, therefore, examined the preparation with some little care. For some time past medical men have been prescribing bromides rather extensively, and rightly so, as in a large number of affections of the brain, nerves, and kidneys, as well as in a variety of skin diseases, the results obtained have been eminently satisfactory. Bromide of potassium, however, which for a long time was practically the only form in which it was given, exhibits only too frequently those toxic properties which detract so much from the therapeutical value of potassium salts generally, so far, at least, as long continued and comparatively large doses are concerned.

Sodium salts, as a rule, are comparatively innocuous, and possess the additional advantage of containing, weight for weight, a larger quantity of the acid radical. This is owing to the lower atomic weight of sodium, which is 23 only, as compared with 39, which is the combining equivalent of potassium. Hence while Kbr. contains, in round numbers, but little more than 67 per cent. of bromine, the corresponding sodium salt, NaBr., contains nearly 87 per cent. of the element in question.

The preparation before us is in the granular form, and seems to be very carefully and evenly made. In addition to the usual vegetable acid and alkaline carbonates common to this class of medicaments, it contains about a quarter of its weight of sodium-bromide, and some 1.52 per cent. of pure caffeine. This alkaloid is well known as a reliable nerve tonic and restorative, useful also in cases of cardiac dropsy, hemi-crania, and neuralgia. In conjunction with bromides, and especially in the form of an effervescent saline, it is one of the most successful agents known for the relief of headache and insomnia, arising from overwork and sedentary employment.

This bromo-soda with caffeine, therefore, not only merits, but is likely to acquire, an increasing meed of popularity. It is shown to physicians at the American Exhibition at West Kensington, London.—*From the Monthly Magazine of Medicine, London.*