

ATROPINE IN NIGHT SWEATS.—The use of atropine in small doses, has been highly extolled of late in the treatment of night sweats of phthisis, and other exhausting diseases. It is frequently combined with morphine, as in the following :

R Atropinegr. i.
Morph. Sulph.....grs. viii.
Acid Sulph. Aromat.....5 ij.
Aquæ ad.....5 j.—M.

Sig. Five to ten drops at bedtime. It has been used in both the Montreal and Toronto General Hospitals in this way, with marked benefit.

PRESENTATION.—Dr. J. C. Mitchell of Clarke, who is about to remove to Enniskillen, was presented with a silver service accompanied with an address by the good people of Clarke. The Dr. made a suitable reply, thanking the friends on behalf of himself and Mrs. Mitchell for the kindness they had received during their residence in Clarke.

WRITER'S CRAMP.—We have just received a circular and blank from Dr. G. M. Beard, of New York, asking for facts relating to the symptoms and history of the disease known as "Writer's Cramp." He would be obliged, if those who are victims of this or analogous conditions would communicate with him, by sending any facts of interest in such cases. Blanks will be supplied on application.

DR. MCINNIS, the new Member of Parliament for Westminster, B.C., has taken his seat in the House of Commons, Ottawa.

BRAITHWAITE'S RETROSPECT FOR 1878.—Any subscriber to the CANADA LANCET who has paid his subscription up to January 1878, can have Braithwaite's Retrospect for the current year, January and July, on remitting \$2 to this office.

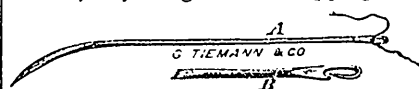
APPOINTMENT.—Dr. E. W. Spragge of Toronto has been appointed as the representative of the University of Trinity College in the Ontario Medical Council.

CORONERS.—J. T. Moore, M.D., of Tilsonburg, to be an Associate Coroner for the County of Oxford.

S. P. Emes, M.D., of Drayton, to be an Associate Coroner for the Co. of Wellington.

New Instruments.

AN OPEN EYED NEEDLE.—The accompanying cut represents a new open eyed needle devised by Dr. Shradz, of New York, for use in surgical operations. As will be seen the eye is open, in such a peculiar way as to admit a loop of thread being easily inserted, and at the same time there is scarcely any danger of its slipping out. The projecting



shoulder in front of

the eye effectually prevents the hook-like portion of the eye from catching or tearing the tissues as the needle is pulled through. One of the most troublesome things in a protracted surgical operation is the frequent threading of needles. The above mentioned form of needle will be found therefore, a great desideratum, and seems also well adapted for general use.

Books and Pamphlets.

REPORT ON HEATING AND VENTILATION OF THE JOHN HOPKIN'S HOSPITAL, BALTIMORE. By John S. Billings M. D., Surgeon U. S. Army.

The subject of ventilation of buildings, whether large or small, public or private, is one on which very vague or unsettled ideas seem to prevail, not merely among the community at large, including alike the proprietors and tenants of houses, but, what is still more lamentable, a very considerable proportion of architects and builders, who are regarded as duly qualified to make every requisite constructional provision for the convenience, comfort, and good health, of the future occupants of their erections.

Dr. Billings has very properly discussed the subject of ventilation in strict affinity with the other, in this country indispensable provision for comfort, and health,—*heating*. All who have had any experience in the superintendence of public institutions, in which large numbers of residents are congregated, whether in a healthful or a diseased condition, know very well that the perplexing problem of heating and ventilation is, so to combine the two processes that they shall work harmoniously, and that the one may not be impaired by the