

with details of routes and rates, which include all necessary expenses of travelling from the time the tourist leaves New York till his return. A handsome Map of Europe shows the routes which Cook's parties will follow.

THE celebrated Oculist, Dr. Soelberg Wells, died at Cannes, on December 3rd, whither he had gone to recruit his health.

CORONERS.—Alfred Clarke, M.D., of Prince Arthur's Landing, has been appointed Associate Coroner for the district of Thunder Bay.

J. McDonald, M.D., has been appointed Coroner for the county of Northumberland, N.B.

F. Oakley, M.D., of Streetsville, has been appointed an Associate Coroner for the county of Peel.

J. D. Lafferty, M.D., of Pembroke, has been appointed Associate Coroner for the county of Renfrew.

THE announcement of the death of Dr. Bovell, formerly of Toronto, will be seen in another column. An obituary notice will appear in our next issue.

THE death of Sir Dominic John Corrigan Bart, M.D., of Dublin, on the 1st ult., at the age of 78 years, is reported in our English exchanges.

Books and Pamphlets.

ON INFANT FEEDING, AND ITS INFLUENCE ON LIFE, by C. H. F. Routh, M.D., M.R.C.P.L.; New York: Wm. Wood & Co. Toronto: Willing & Williamson.

Whether for the valuable matter of the text, or the ample statistics by which it is illustrated, we may justly say that this work of Dr. Routh is a contribution to the important department of medical practice of which it treats, which must be warmly welcomed by every member of the profession, but more especially by those who desire to acquire useful information on the causes of infantile maladies, and the hygienic measures requisite for their prevention. Dr. Routh's tables, exhibiting the comparative mortality of childhood, in the *civic* and the *rural* districts of England, are almost startling, and might lead us to the belief that but for the replenishing of the former from the latter, the population of the large towns must soon dwindle

down to low figures. Dr. Routh, after quoting a very graphic, and probably too true, depiction of Irish dirt, squalor and misery, adds the following reflection—"Here there were contingencies highly favourable to the generation of an atmosphere which, even in rural districts, would be likely to prove peculiarly fatal to infants, and which certainly could not be better, than hospital air, and yet the reverse is the case." We commend this passage to all the female tribe of dusters and scrubbers, and daily destroyers of carpets.

MATERIA MEDICA AND THERAPEUTICS, OF THE VEGETABLE KINGDOM, by Charles D. F. Phillips, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., edited by H. G. Piffard, A.M., M.D., New York. New York: W. Wood & Co. Toronto: Willing & Williamson.

This book, from its moderate size, 320 pages, must prove a valuable accession to the libraries of those practitioners who have not the time requisite for the full perusal of more ponderous works. As it brings under notice all the recent additions to the vegetable division of the materia medica, together with their physiological and therapeutic action, and their various preparations and doses, it must be very serviceable to those young practitioners who may already have begun to forget much of what had been told them, (not always in a very captivating manner,) in their class rooms. It may also be found a useless refresher of the mind and memory of those of riper years, who may, unconsciously, have been moving in rather rigid grooves, out of which it may sometimes be profitable both to their patients and themselves, that they should occasionally indulge in a switch-off, though it is by no means advisable that they should be led into the error of committing themselves to a wavering polypharmacy.

A SYSTEM OF MEDICINE. Edited by J. Russell Reynolds, M.D., F.R.S. With Numerous Additions and Illustrations. By Henry Hartshorne, A.M., M.D. In three volumes. Vol. I., General Diseases and Diseases of the Nervous System. 8vo. Philadelphia: H. C. Lea. Montreal: Dawson Bros.

This systematic work on the practice of medicine, by the master minds of the medical profession in Great Britain, must take the position of the leading work on this subject in the English language. On the score of adaptability and cheapness, it must and will be found preferable to