

Practitioner that Mr. Lawson Tait, of Birmingham, has ordered the most complete electrical outfit that could be purchased in New York. He has been one of the strongest opponents of electricity in gynecology in the whole world, and as anything he undertakes to do he does with all his might, we should not be surprised to hear within a few months that he has been even more successful with it than many who have been using it in a half hearted way ever since Apostoli brought it first into notice.

BOOK NOTICES.

THE DOCTOR IN CANADA, HIS WHEREABOUTS AND THE LAWS WHICH GOVERN HIM. A ready book of reference. By Robert Wynyard Powell, M.D., Ottawa. Published by the *Gazette Publishing Co.*, Montreal.

This work fills a decided want and one which we have experienced many times ourselves. It is divided into ten parts, the following heads of which will give the reader some idea of what it contains: I. Medical Legislation. II. Sanitary Legislation. III. Medical Education. IV. Medical Appointments. V. Medical Journals. VI. Licensed Practitioners. VII. Medical Legislators. VIII. Medical Officers in the Canadian Militia. IX. Health Officers. X. Coroners. XI. Railway Medical Appointments. XII. Medical Examiners for Life Insurance. As long as each province has a different way of regulating the practice of medicine it is necessary that every practitioner should know at least the laws of his own province. The first hundred pages of the book are devoted to the medical acts of each province. The next hundred pages contain the anatomy acts and public health acts of each province. One of the most generally useful parts of the work is the one containing a list of the licensed practitioners in each town and each province. This will be found of great service to those who wish to reach the profession for purposes of collective investigations, &c. We trust that the book may meet with a large enough sale to warrant the publisher in bringing out a new edition every year corrected up to date. The price is reasonable enough to place it within the reach of all.

ELECTRICITY IN THE DISEASES OF WOMEN, with special reference to the application of strong currents. By G. Betton Massey, M.D. Second edition. Revised and enlarged. Philadelphia and London: F. A. Davis, publisher, 1890. Price, \$1.50 net.

The author says in the preface to the second edition: "The exhaustion of the first edition of this work within a few months of its appearance is

an evidence of professional favor that is most gratifying to the author. In preparing a second edition the opportunity has been taken for a thorough revision of most of the text, and the addition of new electro-therapeutic contributions to gynecology; and so considerable has been the progress of definite knowledge in the art that it was found necessary to rewrite the greater portions of chapters XI., XII., XIV. and XVI. and add new chapters on subinvolution and chronic inflammatory diseases of the appendages. The perusal of this work has afforded us great pleasure and profit, and we would strongly recommend every one to peruse it before making rash statements as to the uselessness of electricity in gynecology. The pitiful sight would not then be seen of prominent gynecologists stating that after trying Apostoli's method for fibroids with a one-celled battery they had proved it a failure.

AN EXAMINATION OF THE KNEE-JERK in sixty-two cases of interstitial inflammation of the cornea. By W. Lang, Surgeon to the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital and Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Middlesex Hospital, and Casey A. Wood, C.M., M.D., late Attending Physician to the Western Hospital, Montreal; Late Clinical Assistant Royal Ophthalmic Hospital (Moorfields) London; Instructor in Ophthalmology, Chicago Post Graduate Medical School. Reprinted from the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital Reports, December, 1889. Walt. A. Lartz, Print., Chicago.

Dr. O. C. Edwards, a former esteemed Montreal confrere, and late president of the Medical Council of the Northwest Territories, is about moving to Ottawa to settle in practice at the Capital.

NEW NOVEL.

"The Bell of St. Paul's," by Walter Besant, has rapidly attained a large and deserved popularity. In it the author says, "This is an Age of Apollinaris Water," a very true remark, seeing that no less than fifteen million eight hundred and twenty-two thousand bottles were filled at the Apollinaris Spring in the year 1889.

The French Government has decided that hereafter foreign physicians (more especially English) will not be allowed to practice medicine in France, except "in those instances presenting very exceptional claims." This means that the English physicians can no longer undertake to practice in the Riviera, or at the various Mediterranean health resorts of France. If this rule is to be made to apply to Americans, it would be only fair to undertake reprisals. There are a good many French physicians who come over to practice in this country, and it is a poor rule that doesn't work both ways.—*Med. Record.*