

Johnston, Toronto, and Dr. Russell, Hamilton. Dr. W. Britton, Toronto, was elected to represent Toronto University, and Dr. W. B. Geikie, Trinity Medical College. The returns for the other representatives are not to hand at the time of our going to press.

WE are pleased to note that Dr. C. W. Covernton has been unanimously elected an honorary member of the Society of Medical Officers of Health, England, "as a tribute to his past services in the cause of public health." This recognition of services ably and conscientiously performed during a long period of time, will, we are sure, be gratifying, not only to the numerous personal friends of Dr. Covernton, but to all the members of the profession in Canada to whom his name is as a household word, in all that pertains to sanitation.

BRITISH DIPLOMAS, L.R.C.P., LOND.—The following Canadians were admitted Licentiates of the Royal College of Physicians, of London, Jan. 30th, J. M. Cochrane, W. A. Dixon, R. H. Palmer, and I. A. Woodruff.

TO DETECT THE MORPHIA HABIT.—It is said that the addition of a few drops of tincture of the perchloride of iron to the patient's urine will cause a characteristic blue tinge to appear if he be a morphine user.

Books and Pamphlets.

DISEASES OF WOMEN AND ABDOMINAL SURGERY. By Lawson Tait, F.R.C.S., Edin. and Eng.; Professor of Gynæcology in Queen's College, Birmingham.

The above work is in two volumes, 600 pages each, the first of which is to hand from the publishing house of Lea Bros. & Co., Philadelphia. This announcement will be hailed with pleasure by the many admirers of the author. He repeats what we prefaced to a small work on the same subject which appeared thirteen years ago, viz.: "Accurate or satisfying knowledge of the special diseases of women is so much in its infancy that any new effort to extend our acquaintance with these ailments deserves at least to be received with patience"; at the same time he sets out with the expectation of encountering free criticism. While

some of his conclusions will be questioned, the general tone of the work is consistent with candour, and a disposition to acknowledge imperfection, and the readers will admire the courage of the author's honest convictions. The general plan in each subject is to set out with the anatomy and physiological functions of the organs involved, and thence by gradual steps to reach the pathological changes and their remedies. A large number of cases are cited in support of the line of practice inculcated. The illustrations are numerous and well executed; the work is attractive in style, and no physician will regret having added it to his library.

THE STUDENT'S SURGERY—A *multum in parvo*. By Frederick James Gant, F.R.C.S., senior surgeon to the Royal Free Hospital; pp. 817. Philadelphia: Lea Bros. & Co. Toronto: Van-venar & Co. 1890.

The author of this work for students, has succeeded admirably in his endeavor to present to the beginner his material in such a way that he may "acquire a sound matter-of-fact knowledge of injuries and surgical diseases, in their various forms, and of their diagnosis and treatment—including surgical operations; the knowledge of which, as divested of all theory, may be said to constitute positive surgery." The work is, of course, not as exhaustive as larger and more ambitious ones, but will prove a great boon to the student who may want to get the kernel without much husk. The author is concise and pointed in his style, and we heartily recommend the work to the student of surgery.

ESSENTIALS OF GYNECOLOGY, arranged in the form of questions and answers, for Students of Medicine. By Edwin B. Cragin, M.D., attending Gynæcologist at the Roosevelt Hospital, New York. With 58 illustrations. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders. Toronto: Carveth & Co. 1890.

This little work will prove invaluable to the student. It will take the place of his note-book in preparing for examination, and will possess the advantage of being well-arranged and complete, which notes taken at lectures can never be. It gives all the important and latest points in condensed form. It is one of an excellent series of guides which should be in the hand of every student of medicine.