hereditary syphilis, affections of placenta—treatment of syphilis, etc.

Dr. Bumstead's contributions to the literature of syphilis are so eminently practical and valuable to those who prefer facts to theories, so free from transcendental speculations and extravagant views, therefore adapted for every day practice, that in our desire to increase the number of practitioners who have enjoyed the perusal of his former editions, we place before our readers a more lengthened synopsis of this fourth edition than the limits of our journal warrant. A more useful work on the subject has never issued from the press of this continent. The paper and type are all that can be desired, the binding neat and substantial, and the illustrations, one hundred and thirty-eight in number, admirably executed.

THE AMERICAN CYCLOPÆDIA OF DOMESTIC MEDI-CINE AND HOUSEHOLD SURGERY. By S. P. Ford, M. D., Norwood, Ont. Chicago: E. P. Kingsley & Co.

There is much to be said both for, and against the placing of books of this kind in the hands of the laity. The book before us, however, contains not the slightest tinge of quackery or charlatanry; in fact the author has taken every opportunity to condemn such things in unqualified terms. The subjects touched upon are brought down to the most recent date, and are made to conform to the works of our standard scientific authors. The information given is of the most reliable character, and well calculated to convey valuable instruction to the masses. It is by far the best popular treatise of the kind ever offered to the public.

- (1) ADVICE TO A WIFE ON THE MANAGEMENT OF SOME OF THE COMPLAINTS INCIDENTAL TO PREGNANCY, LABOR AND SUCKLING.—By P. H. Chavasse, F.R.C S., Eng., Birmingham. Twelfth edition.
- (2) Advice to a Mother on the Management of Children.—By the same author. Thirteenth edition. Toronto: Willing & Williamson.

These works have had an immense sale both in Europe and America. The reason of this is that they meet a real want, and contain an invaluable fund of useful information to every wife and mother. The Canadian edition by Messrs. Willing & Williamson cannot fail to have a large sale. Every woman who is a mother, or expects to be, should have one or both of these books.

The Canadian Illustrated News for 1880.— This journal is improving very fast and is well deserving of support by Canadians. The Canadian Portrait Gallery, now over three hundred, is a leading feature in the journal, and the only series of the kind attainable in Canada. The illustriations are well executed and the literary papers are all of a first class order. We commend this interesting and useful paper to our readers. We will supply it to subscribers of the Lancet for \$3 per annum; renewals \$3.50.

WE desire to call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Mr. Shuttleworth to be found on another column. Mr. S. formerly occupied the position of lecturer on pharmacy in Victoria Medical College and has been the Editor of the Canadian Pharmaceutical Journal for the past twelve years. He intends to confine himself entirely to pharmaceutical products avoiding all nostrums, and has therefore strong claims upon the support of the medical profession which he merits and we have no doubt will receive.

BRITISH QUALIFICATIONS.—The following gentlemen have successfully passed the examination of the Royal College of Physicians, and were admitted licentiates of that body. Thos. H. Ashby, M.D., (Trinity College), F. S. Greenwood, M.D., and J. W. Wright, M.D., (McGill College).

CORONERS.—The following gentlemen have been appointed coroners for their respective districts. W. F. Smith, M.D., St. Thomas, Associate Coroner for the county of Elgin.

J. White, M.D., and E. O'Neil, M.D., of Hamilton, Associate Coroners for the city of Hamilton.

Appointments.—Dr. McRae, has been appointed Medical Health Officer of the city of Ottawa

Births, Marringes and Deaths.

In Chatham, on the 7th ult., A. E. Mallory M.D., L.R.C.P., and L.R.C.S., Ed., of Wark worth, to Fannie Q. Waddell, youngest daughter of the late John Waddell Esq., of Chatham.

In Kingston, on the 7th ult., J. McArthur, B.A. M.D., of London, Ont., to Augusta M., only daughter of C. Wright, Esq., Kingston.

At his residence, Maple Ont., on the 13th ult. Oliver Rupert, M.D., aged 44 years.

At Pugwash, N.S., on the 25th ult., Dr. Joseph Clarke, accidentally, from an overdose of carbolic acid.