

respect. It happens, however, that the diagnosis is not very difficult in the majority of cases, if practitioners keep in mind the ordinary symptoms as described by recent authors.

We have had so much appendicitis preached to us and pounded into us (which is all right enough in a way) that we are perhaps apt to overlook the fact that the appendix is not the only thing contained within the abdomen. We have, however, no desire to cast any slurs on either our general practitioners or our surgeons, but we think that both can learn much from this discussion. When a number of representative British surgeons, such as those who were present at that meeting, express a decided opinion on any important subject in connection with their life work, we firmly believe that such opinion is the best that the world can furnish.

GIFT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

Through the generosity of Professor Goldwin Smith and Mrs. Smith, the University of Toronto has just received an addition of \$10,000 to its endowment. The donation is to the library of the University, and the trustees are given an absolute'y free hand as to the manner in which it shall be applied to the various departments of the library. Mr. Goldwin Smith's letter offering the donation was addressed to Sir William Meredith Chancellor of the University, and was as follows:

"Dear Mr. Chancellor,—England is celebrating the millenary of King Alfred, who, as it chances, is the patron hero and the legendary founder of my Oxford College.

"My wife and I wish to be permitted to pay our joint tribute to the memory of the restorer of English learning, and at the same time to show our interest in the University of Toronto.

"To enable us to do this, we hope the university will accept a donation of ten thousand dollars to its library, to be applied for the purposes of such of the departments as the trustees may from time to time determine."