

PROFESSOR ALBERT, stated that he had seen thirty-eight cases of actinomycosis in man during the last few years, and since the beginning of the present scholastic year alone he had observed eight such cases. This seemed to suggest that actinomycosis occurred more frequently than before. There was no doubt that many cases had been overlooked in former times, and this was particularly true of the chronic dental fistulæ, which were explained by the supposition of tuberculous dyscrasia, and in which a fatal issue had often been observed.

M. CASSEDERAT has found in river water^r what he calls "pseudo" typhoid bacillus. The organism is apparently always present in river^r water. Sown on potatoes, the cultivations are the same as those of Eberth's bacillus; cultivated on gelatine, peptonised bouillon, agar-agar, white of egg, or by inoculation, the "pseudo" bacillus is slightly differentiated from that of Eberth's.

DR. S. WEIR MITCHELL, of Philadelphia, recently received from a woman-patient the singular present of a cord of white-oak wood, chopped down and sawed up by her own hands. He had recommended to her an active outdoor life in the woods for nervous invalidism. She had followed his directions, with results of which the cord of sawed wood was one of the evidences.

THE HEALTH OFFICER at Chicago refuses to accept heart failure as the cause of death, very much, it is said, to the indignation of the physicians there.

SPECIAL TO EDITORS

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from this, but not so many yet as we had hoped for. Our mission is to spread this "New Gospel." We cannot alone do much. Will not the hundreds of editors we reach help us more freely?

True, it is not, we fear, very "popular" reading; but editors can make almost anything popular by giving it of their space from week to week or day to day. And the readers must soon see the good there is in a knowledge of this sort and want more of it.

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We give in this issue of the JOURNAL an article on Milk and Babies, which, if read by every parent in Canada, might be the means of saving the life of many a little infant and preventing an incalculable amount of suffering during the hot season, and we shall be hoping to receive marked copies of our contemporaries containing it, and, so, shall render our fraternal thanks, on behalf of the suffering little ones.

THE EDITOR.

NOTES ON CURRENT LITERATURE.

THE POCKET ATLAS AND GAZETTEER OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA, by J. J. Bartholomew, F.R.S.L., F.R.G.S., etc. (Hart & Comp., Toronto:—cloth, \$1), is a very neat and comprehensive little volume, containing an enormous amount of information—about all, indeed, that the ordinary reader will practically require concerning the Dominion. In an "Introduction" is an accurate digest of all necessary information as to the commercial and general standing of Canada, while in the Gazetteer every place, even down to the smallest hamlet, is found tersely described and tabulated in alphabetical order. There are thirty-six well executed maps, geographical, orographical and political, embracing the entire Dominion, with plans of each of the principal cities. Altogether it is a most admirable and essential little volume, which every Canadian ought to possess.

THE DOCTOR IN CANADA; his Whereabouts and the Laws which Govern him: by Robert Wynyard Powell, M.D., Ottawa, Ont., is another very useful volume, which every Canadian