

Reports of Societies.

BRANT COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The above Society convened in Brantford on the 4th ult., Dr. Harris in the chair. After routine the Society proceeded with the election of officers for the ensuing year with the following result :

Dr. Wm. T. Harris, President ; Dr. Robert H. Dee, Vice-President ; Dr. Wm. E. Winskel, Secretary-Treasurer.

Dr. Griffin showed a specimen of cancer of the bowel at the ileo-cæcal valve, and gave a very interesting history of the case. Drs. Winskel, Dee, and Harris each furnished notes of cases from practice.

Dr. Fairchild, of Burford, was elected a member of the Association. After some further business, the society adjourned to meet in Brantford on the 4th of December.

Books and Pamphlets.

THE PHYSICIAN HIMSELF, AND WHAT HE SHOULD ADD TO HIS SCIENTIFIC ACQUIREMENTS. By D. W. Cathell, M.D., Baltimore, Md. Baltimore: Cushings & Bailey. Toronto: Willing & Williamson. \$1.25.

This unpretentious little book has already, within a very short time, passed through three editions. The aim of the work is to inculcate professional tact and business sagacity, which, the author states, are "as necessary to the physician as the mariner's compass is to the navigator." It contains much good sound sense, and in a business-like manner informs the medical practitioner what he must add to his professional attainments to make his success in life more certain, rapid and complete. We are very much pleased with a perusal of the book, and would cordially recommend it to our readers, and especially to the younger members of the profession.

MEDICAL ESSAYS. By Oliver Wendell Holmes. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston, Mass., 1883.

This volume contains a series of papers on various subjects which have been previously published separately, at various times, between 1842 and 1882. In the form in which they now appear they will be read with interest by all who like well-

written essays by an author whose fame as the "autocrat of the breakfast table" is simply world-wide. His Essay on Homœopathy—and, indeed, every one of the nine subjects treated of in the volume, is well worthy of perusal as the work of a gifted and most pleasing writer.

A PRACTICAL TREATISE ON IMPOTENCE, STERILITY, AND ALLIED DISORDERS OF THE MALE SEXUAL ORGANS. By Samuel W. Gross, M.D., Prof. Surgery, etc., Jefferson Med. College, etc., etc. Second edition, thoroughly revised, with sixteen illustrations. Philadelphia: Henry C. Lea's Son & Co. Toronto: Willing & Williamson. 1883. Pp. 176.

A work of this kind is most desirable, as in all parts of the continent the disorders referred to abound, sometimes through the vicious practices of patients, often through the mischievous influence of the quack advertisements which pollute the columns of the newspapers. The author has greatly improved on the former edition in the present issue. The work is one that can be cordially recommended.

HOW TO DRAW A SIMPLE WILL; WITH SPECIAL INFORMATION FOR CLERGYMEN AND DOCTORS, AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXECUTORS IN ORDINARY CASES. By D. A. O'Sullivan, M.A., LL.B., author of Practical Conveyancing, including Wills; Government in Canada; etc. Toronto: Moore & Co.

The above-mentioned brochure by Dr. Sullivan will be found exceedingly useful to all classes of the community. Every person should know something about wills and the proper method of drawing them. It is the design of this work to supply just such information as is required in this respect, and the author is to be complimented on the skill with which he has accomplished the object in view. We cordially commend the work to our readers.

ELECTRICITY IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY. By Geo. C. Pitzer, M.D., St. Louis. Second edition.

The present edition of this work has been revised throughout and considerably enlarged by the addition of chapters on the use of electricity in diagnosis, its use in asphyxia, chloroform poisoning, opium poisoning, cauterization, and the like. It contains full directions for using batteries, the object being to furnish the beginner with the principal facts embraced in the subjects of electricity and