

VACCINATION.—We have received a communication from Dr. N. Munro, of Brucefield, in which he urges the propriety of repeated vaccination as long as it will take effect as a preventive of the spread of small-pox. In reference to revaccination he states that in his experience sixty per cent are susceptible of taking a second time, forty per cent a third time, and ten per cent a fourth time, and therefore he submits that it is incumbent on old and young to be repeatedly vaccinated, until it fails to make any impression on the system.

HONORS.—Dr. Gardner, professor of Medical Jurisprudence in the Medical Faculty of Bishop's College, Montreal, has been elected Fellow of the Obstetrical Society, London, England.

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#### BOOK NOTICES.

ANÆSTHESIA, HOSPITALISM, &c., by Sir James Y. Simpson, Bart, M.D., D.C.L. Edited by his son, Sir. W. G. Simpson, Bart, B.A. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Toronto: Copp, Clark & Co. pp. 553.

This work contains most of Dr. Simpson's articles, correspondence &c., on the subject of Anæsthesia, written from time to time, some of which have already been published in the periodicals of the day, and are now transferred to the present volume. The volume opens out with a History of Anæsthesia and its defence. The nature and powers of various anæsthetics and their application to surgery and obstetrics are next taken up, and followed by some remarks on local Anæsthesia. On the subject of Hospitalism, the author has been at considerable pains to collect statistics from different sources, showing the differential death-rate between country and hospital amputations. He next discusses the causes of this difference, and suggests certain improvements in the sanitary condition of hospitals. Considerable space is devoted to the interesting subject of Hermaproditism, which the author divides into *true* and *spurious*, the former including all cases in which there is a blending of both male and female organs in the same individual, and the latter comprehending malformations of the genitals of one sex, approximating in appearance those of the opposite. The author concludes with an article on the process of stamping out small-pox and other contagious diseases. This part is especially interesting at the present time, in view of the present epidemic.