

treal have had similar results. The preparation we have used is that manufactured by the N.Y. Pharmacal Association, which is prepared for, and introduced solely to the Medical profession. They have lately made some improvements in its manufacture, the result of which is the production of a more elegant preparation.

#### PERSONAL.

Dr. Burke of Stanstead was on the 12th of June (the tenth anniversary of his marriage) presented by his patients and friends with a silver tea service.

Dr. Thomas Simpson, one of the physicians to the Montreal General Hospital, has been appointed Professor of Hygiene in Bishop's College Faculty of Medicine, *vice* Dr. Leprohon resigned.

Dr. Austin Flint, sr., of New York, was in Montreal early in July. His many admirers regret not being aware of his visit till he had gone.

#### REVIEWS.

*The Microscope and Microscopical Technology: A Text-Book for Physicians and Students.* By HEINRICH FREY, Professor of Medicine in the University of Zurich. Translated and Edited by George R. Cutter, M.D., Surgeon New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, etc. 388 Engravings on Wood. Second Edition. 8vo. Pp. 660. New York: Wm. Wood & Co. Montreal, Dawson Bros. Price, \$6.00.

This is a very complete work, perhaps the most complete of its kind yet published, and is worthy the attention not alone of those who contemplate being microscopists, but of all engaged in microscopic work. Its translation is said by those capable of judging to be exceedingly truthful, and that the text does not always read as smoothly as one might desire is said to be due to the necessity which existed to follow the German somewhat literally. This is especially noticeable in the minute description of microscopic objects, which occurs very constantly throughout the work. The volume is divided into twenty-two chapters, the first ten being devoted to what might be called "Preliminary work," all the more important, however, to understand what follows. One chapter is devoted to a brief description of various microscopes, but, as might be anticipated, little is said concerning those of English makers. The chapter on the theory of

microscopes is full of interest, and, being profusely illustrated by diagrams, will enable most people to thoroughly understand a subject which otherwise would be surrounded with not a few difficulties, and this notwithstanding the fact that the main features of it have formed a portion of our early education. The remaining chapters are full of interest to the Physiological student, being descriptive of the microscopic appearance and organization of the Blood, Lymph, Chyle, Mucus, Epithelium, Nails, Hair, Bones, Teeth, and the various other tissues of the body. Some additions have been made by the American translator (Dr. George R. Cutler of New York), and these are enclosed within brackets. They help to make the work more complete.

*Paracentesis of the Pericardium. A consideration of the Surgical Treatment of Pericardial effusions.* BY JOHN B. ROBERTS, A.M., M.D., Lecturer on Anatomy in the Philadelphia School of Anatomy, with illustrations Philadelphia, J. P. Lippincott & Co. Montreal, Dawson Bros., 1879.

This is a really very able and interesting monograph, upon a subject which is, perhaps, not as fully treated as it might be, even in works upon diseases of the heart. It is well written, and the arrangement is deserving of much praise. The first chapter is taken up with a description of the various causes and conditions which lead to effusions within the pericardial sac during the life. The symptoms, physical and otherwise, of the disease are considered in the second chapter, and the third chapter is devoted to treatment—which is divided into Medical and Surgical. Dr. Roberts says that if the Medical treatment does not produce absorption, paracentesis must be adopted, and the distended sac relieved. He describes various methods of operating, and gives a table showing the most encouraging results. We cannot too strongly recommend this little work of Dr. Roberts.

"*Lucie Rodey*," a Society Novel, by HENRY GREVILLE, is published this day by T. B. Peterson & Brothers, Philadelphia.

All lovers of a good novel should get "*Lucie Rodey*" at once, as well as all other novels of Henry Greville as fast as they are issued, as no French authoress of to-day equals her in power