

(of whose opinions on this subject Virchow's little book on "Post-mortem examinations" is an admirable exponent) that the careless and perfunctory performance of a *sectio* has justly come to be regarded as a waste of good material which might have served a better office in the dissecting-room. With reference to Virchow's little work on "Post-mortem Examinations," mentioned above, we may say, in passing, that, having now been translated into English, it should be in the hands (and head) of every student, and we may add, in the words of a late writer in an English Review: "No student who does not know by heart every word and every line in it should be regarded as eligible for a hospital appointment." In the meantime we would commend to all students of pathology at the Toronto General Hospital (teachers as well as pupils) the three following *regulæ aureæ*, quoted from a late leader in the *London Lancet*: "The first of these golden rules is to examine carefully and systematically every organ of the body, whether obviously diseased or not, and to draw no inferences, and form no opinions, until the examination is complete. The second is to note fully the condition and appearance of every part and organ at the time of the examination, and to add nothing to, and subtract nothing from these original notes. If it be added that it is always necessary to keep for further examinations everything of doubtful nature, no other general rules are needed."

We have ventured to make these remarks from no carping spirit, and with no desire to find fault for fault-finding's sake, but in the earnest hope that by directing attention to the evils complained of, their removal may be brought about to the lasting benefit of patients, pupils, and teachers, and, through them, of the community at large.

Subscribers will greatly oblige by notifying us at once if they desire any change in their address, as we have to print the mailing list for 1878 this month. We hope that all will square accounts with us without further delay.

JOURNALISTIC.—"The Monthly Journal of the Southern Illinois Medical Association" is the title of a new medical periodical.

It is our intention to add to the appearance of the Journal in January by enlarging the size of the paper in order to leave more margin for binding. Advertisements will no longer appear on the last page of reading matter, and will not, therefore, require to be bound with the Journal, as has occasionally happened in Vol I. and II.

To those who have encouraged us so far we owe and tender sincere thanks, and hope to continue to merit their good opinion by showing year by year improvements in our work. We ask our friends to assist us by obtaining subscribers, writing original communications and keeping us posted in all the medical news of their several districts.

We have to-day (November 27th) received a volume of the "Transactions of the Canada Medical Association." Subscribers should send their names at once to Dr. Osler, 1351 St. Catharine Street, Montreal.

An important advertisement of the Registrar of "The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario" appears in another column.

BOOK NOTICES.

Report on Dermatology, Syphilis, and other Exanthemata. By L. P. YANDELL, Jr., M.D., Louisville. Reprinted from Transactions of Kentucky State Medical Society, 1877.

APPOINTMENTS.—Mr. Thomas Annandale has been appointed successor to Mr. Lister in the Chair of Clinical Surgery in Edinburgh University.

Dr. P. Heron Watson has been elected President of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

Dr. Angus Macdonald succeeds Dr. Matthews Duncan as Ordinary Physician for Diseases of Women to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.