

## EXTERNAL USE OF TURPENTINE IN TONSILITIS.

—In the *Medical Times*, Philadelphia, Dr. S. H. Roberts strongly recommends the use of turpentine externally in tonsillitis. He folds the flannel to four thicknesses, wrings it out in hot water, and pours oil of turpentine over a spot of the size of a silver dollar. The flannel is then applied over the subparotid region, and the fomentation is continued as long as it can be borne. After removal, a dry flannel is applied, and the same region is rubbed with turpentine every two hours. This application is continued daily till resolution occurs. He believes, from the evidence of his long experience, that, thus applied early in the disease, the oil of turpentine has almost a specific effect in tonsillitis. That its action is not simply that of an irritant, he has proved by employing mustard, croton-oil, tincture of iodine, etc., in the same class of cases. They always failed to diminish the inflammation of the tonsils, while the turpentine succeeded.

UNNECESSARY JOURNALS.—[The *Medical Record*, N. Y., has the following, in reference to the multiplicity of Medical Journals.] "Enterprise in journalism is, on general principles, to be commended, but it is hardly requisite for every society or every school in North America to have its so-called "medical organ." Every little while we hear the announcement of a new periodical of this sort, generally accompanied with the usual modest misgiving on the part of the editors as to its ultimate success, but invariably with an earnest appeal for the support of friends. Many of these ventures are explained on the ground of a want long felt by a particular community, or a particular medical school, and it is only after a signal failure that the editors are willing to acknowledge that they have made a miscalculation. But this is a matter of business which every one who is likely to be interested in journalistic undertaking should thoughtfully consider. There is, however, another element in the question which should be taken into account. These new periodicals not only take a certain share of pecuniary support from those already established, but are the means of ultimately luring many valuable communications. Besides this, every unnecessary journal tends directly to interfere with the general progress of journalism."

CANADIANS ABROAD,—C. McLarty, M.B., and T. Millman, M.D., graduates of Trinity College Medical School, Toronto, successfully passed the professional examination of the Royal College of Surgeons, Eng., on the 24th of Jan., and were admitted to the membership in that body.

## Books and Pamphlets.

CYCLOPEDIA OF THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE. Edited by Dr. H. Von Ziemssen. Vol. v. New York: Wm. Wood & Co.

The general progress of medical science is highly creditable to the intelligence and industry of the age in which we live. The truly colossal labour of this work continues to be admirably performed by the various collaborateurs selected by the editor. The fifth volume on the "Respiratory Organs" contains exhaustive essays by Professor Juergensen, of Tubingen; Professor Hertz, of Amsterdam; Professor Ruehle, of Bonn; and Professor Rindfleisch, of Wurtsburg. The very important aids to diagnosis, mensuration, temperature, palpation, percussion, auscultation, and analysis of individual symptoms are, in this volume, minutely entered upon. Palpation is insisted upon as of the greatest importance in the pneumonia of children. On this subject Professor Juergensen says: "This mode of examination is of the greatest importance; it depends, as is well known, upon the greater or less sense of resistance which the thorax communicates to the sense of touch. To quote a characteristic saying, not only the surgeon but also the physician who treats internal diseases, should hear with his hands." Juergensen's articles are "Croupous Pneumonia," "Catarrhal Pneumonia," "Hypostatic Processes in the Lungs," and the conditions which give rise to hypostatic infiltration of the lung, and "Pneumonia from Embolism." Professor Hertz on "Hyperæmia," "Anæmia," "Hæmorrhages," "Atlectasis," "Collapse," "Atrophy," "Emphysema," "Hypertrophy," "Gangrene," "New Formations," and "Parasites." Professor Ruehle on "Pulmonary Consumption," and "Acute Miliary Tuberculosis." Professor Rindfleisch on "Chronic and Acute Tuberculosis." Our limits will not allow us to offer even an abstract of all the information contained in these minute and valuable monographs. Published as they now are in our language, we would strongly advise every practitioner to have this Cyclopædia, this monument of industry and research, in his possession.

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