

PRESIDENT McKINLEY'S CASE.

The *Cleveland Medical Journal* makes the following remarks in a recent issue. We commend them to our readers, especially those resident in cities, because a large amount of truth is condensed into a few lines :

"Under present customs the surgeon expects the general physician to call him in consultation in every surgical case; the surgeon, when first consulted, usually forgets to call a general physician. In the first case the surgeon assumes that the internist can know nothing of surgery, while in the second he credits himself with a full knowledge of internal medicine in addition to his surgical skill. The surgeon's experience does not lead him to the acquirement of facility in the finer methods of physical diagnosis, and in what appears to him a purely operative case he not infrequently overlooks slight morbid changes in the heart, blood vessels, lungs, kidneys or other organs. The time has now come when the surgeon, in asking the consulting support of the general physician on the ground of his especial surgical training and skill, must no longer assume to be a specialist in internal medicine. In addition to being distinctly unfair, this attitude is illogical in the extreme, and is at times productive of results much less happy than might be obtained by the hearty co-operation of both parties.....The medical profession would not now feel under the necessity to condone the want of care in prognosis that was shown by some at least of the President's surgeons. The thin-walled heart, accompanied by a disproportionately rapid and irregular pulse, could not have failed very early in the case to have unfavourably impressed the physician skilled in estimating the reserve power of a cardiac muscle."

A VERY TIMELY TREATISE ON SMALL-POX.

A very timely treatise on small-pox, to sell at \$3, is announced for publication early in April, by J. B. Lippincott Company. It is written by Dr. George Henry Fox,