

country, and invite or compel every one in an infective condition to reside there free from expense or as expensively as the rich may wish. This would not involve absolute isolation of one's friends, as in the case of small-pox, for during the whole summer consumptives even in the last stage might freely mingle with their friends in the open air without any danger. It is only when the consumptive is boxed up in a warm room with a healthy person that the latter is apt to acquire the disease, so that in our opinion the whole question is whether it is worth while spending money to stamp out the disease, and if so, whether the representatives of the people will decide to spend it. In a country like the United States, where hundreds of millions of dollars are squandered, there should be no trouble about obtaining two or three million dollars a year for a sufficient number of years to completely stamp out the disease. Whenever, by treatment or otherwise, the sputum of a given case ceases to reveal the presence of bacilli under the microscope then that patient might safely return to his family and friends. Moreover this would only be doing systematically what thousands are doing in a dangerous and desultory manner by going away for the benefit of their health to California or Colorado; but for everyone who is benefited by that trip we venture to say that at least one more healthy person contracts the disease. Imagine a non-consumptive person in a run down condition going for a pleasure trip and being shut up for a week in the same section of a Pullman car with a consumptive person who is giving out millions of tubercle bacilli from his lungs per hour. We feel it our duty to insist, in season and out of season, on the importance of recognizing the infectious nature of this disease. A letter, published in this issue, from Dr. G. T. Ross, Professor of Physiology in Bishop's College, now investigating the Koch remedy in Europe, will be found interesting.

DR. ALBERT P. SCOTT.

As we go to press we are under the painful necessity of chronicling the death of Albert P. Scott, C. M., M. D., (Bishop's, '87), L. R. C. P., Lond., Professor of Anatomy in the University of Bishop's College, who succumbed to an acute attack of pleurisy on Friday last, the 16th inst. A more lengthy obituary will appear in our next issue.

BOOK NOTICES.

WOOD'S MEDICAL AND SURGICAL MONOGRAPHS, Consisting of Original Treatises and Reproductions in English, of Books and Monographs selected from the latest literature of foreign countries, with all illustrations, etc. Contents: Insomnia and its Therapeutics. By A. W. MacFarlane, M. D. Index to volume vii. Published monthly. Price, \$10.00 a year, single copies, \$1.00. September, 1890. New York: William Wood and Company, 56 and 58 Lafayette Place, 1890.

NEWS ITEMS.

The Civil, Military and Naval Departments of the British Government are supplied with the Fairchild Digestive products, and the Fairchild preparations for the predigestion of milk, etc., are especially preferred in India.

We have much pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the advertisement of the Davis & Lawrence Company on another page, especially with regard to their menthol plasters. Although we have not used these ourselves, we have heard sufficiently of them from reliable sources to be warranted in recommending them for trial in general practice. Menthol, as is well known, has a soothing, quieting influence upon the motor, sensory and reflex nerves of the spinal cord, and thus lessens irritation. On account of the effects of the ordinary modes of applying menthol, it is now offered in the form of a plaster. In this it is combined with medicinal gums, and produces an agreeable sensation on application. It is highly recommended for speedy and effectual relief of neuralgia pains in intercostal, facial, bracial or other neuralgias and even placed over the pit of the stomach for gastralgia, it is said to act like a charm. In order to meet the requirements of practitioners, it is put up in rolls one yard long and seven inches wide, which can be cut into seven plasters, and is sold at \$1 a yard,