

preamble being defeated, as was also the first resolution, that dealing with dual compulsory reporting. The remaining clauses in the preamble and the resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Dr. F. McFarland, seconded by Dr. Hetherington, it was decided to appoint a committee of five to frame amendments to the health and registration acts, and submit them to a future meeting for consideration.

The following committee were appointed:—Drs. Walker, Holden, Daniel, John Berryman, and Wm. Christie.

At half past six, after a two and a half hours session, the meeting adjourned to reassemble at the call of the committee.—*Copy of Secretary's Minutes.*

Reviews and Book Notices.

TREATMENT OF DISEASES OF WOMEN, PUERPERAL AND NON-PUERPERAL.—By Chas. N. Goodwin, M. D. Leonard & Co., 141 Broadway, New York.

THIS book, it is professed, comprises "the latest contributions to this important branch of medical science, based upon the most recent practical experiences and investigations of the present day," by many eminent specialists. The contents, as its name denotes, deals almost exclusively with treatment.

The different views of writers as to the treatment of various diseases are concisely and consistently grouped, affording a ready means of conveniently contrasting and considering their several methods. The chapters on the management of the puerperal state, and on uterine displacements are specially interesting.

The book forms a handy and trustworthy little work for reference.

Notes and Comments.

IT does not seem to have been perfectly understood that at present, during our first year, we publish *bi-monthly*—every second month—as is stated on the title page of every number.

THE Dominion Government has dispatched the chief quarantine inspector to Calgary to investigate, and so far as possible to check, disease that has broken out among the cattle of the ranches in the neighbourhood.

THE *Canadian Practitioner* announces that hereafter it will be published as a semi-monthly. We congratulate our ably conducted and valued contemporary upon its progress and prosperity, and cordially wish its editors a continuance of the success of their Journal.

WE fear that we had almost fallen into the popular error of supposing that pigs not only wallowed in dirt, but thrived best in it. But Edwin Chadwick, C.B., President of the Sanitary Congress, held in Brighton, last August, says that a pig that is washed puts on a fifth more of flesh with the same amount of food, than does an unwashed pig, and that he has "abundant evidence that the holy doctrine of 'wash and be clean,' is even more economical for children and men."

728 is the record in numbers of the articles printed during 1888 in the Archives of Gynecology, on the special subjects of its title. It is the aim of the editors to publish all current thoughts in these departments of medical know-

ledge. The publishers, Leonard & Co., 141 Broadway, New York, do not send sample copies, but if you are not pleased with the first number it may be returned and the order erased. Subscription, \$3 per annum. Payment is not asked till end of the year.

WORLDLY WISDOM.—Professor Charpentier, Paris, gives the following advice to physicians as to the most prudent answer to be given when they are asked what they think the sex of the child is going to be. "Reply by asking the mother what sex she would prefer in the child, and then give it as your opinion that the opposite sex is the one to be looked for." In this way if the sex turns out to be the one prognosticated you will be thought a wonderful man, while if it proves to be the one the mother has wished for, she will be so pleased that she will easily overlook your error.

ANOTHER accident at Windsor, resulting in the death of a lady, has to be recorded as due to the dangerous custom of allowing the trains to run through the ordinary streets with no fence or guard of any sort. It surely betokens a lamentable lethargy in those who are responsible for the above state of affairs.

Dr. Fraser's sad death aroused considerable indignation, How long must this fatal record become before the evil is remedied. We would like to believe that no court in the Dominion would hesitate to award damages for injury resulting from this culpable neglect of precautions on the part of the railway company or town authorities.

SIR MORELL MACKENZIE recently visited Edinburgh in response to an invitation of the students of the University. His reception at their hands was of a most hearty character. He gave the first of a course of lectures in aid of the funds of the Students Union, his subject being,—the Influence of Culture in Professional Success.

At the outset Sir Morell took exception to the view of those who held that therewas an antagonism between wide culture and professional knowledge and skill, who believed only in what they called solid facts, and despised altogether what they termed elegant triflings.

Practical men might succeed who had no culture, but that was, he said, in spite of their want of culture, and not in consequence of it. Culture implied flexibility of mind, general development of all the faculties.

Sir Morell's welcome on the part of the Profession of Edinburgh, does not seem to have been so cordial as was his reception by the students.

PROSTATIC ENLARGEMENT.—Importance is to be attached to a new operation for the relief of this condition, devised by Dr. Hunter McGuire, of Richmond. The operation is similar to suprapubic cystotomy for stone. The only difference is that he made the opening into the bladder as low down on its anterior wall as possible, and left the opening in the skin at the upper end of the incision. A drainage tube was kept in for a short time. The result was that the patient passed his urine through the artificial urethra thus formed. The artificial urethra did not leak, nor did the urine dribble away, no matter what the position of the man's body was. The urine was retained for several hours, often from four to six, and then passed in a strong stream thrown several feet from the body the last coming in jets as from a natural outlet. The improvement in the patient upon whom he had done this operation had been wonderful. The artificial urethra or fistula, had the same relation to the bladder that the spout of a coffee pot has to the pot.