

as it is possible for the human mind to put things. Every region is covered, and all the operations on these described. The illustrations are both numerous and good. The author has a clear way of describing the various steps in any operation, and this lends a charm to the book and makes its study an agreeable task. The publishers have done their part well. The paper, type and binding is in keeping with the best traditions of the well-known house that issues this volume. We, therefore, have much pleasure in recommending Binnie's Operative Surgery.

MISCELLANEOUS MEDICAL NEWS

HEALTH BOARD ACTS.

Municipalities and individuals who fail to remove unsanitary conditions at the behest of the district officers of health will be brought to time by the Provincial Board of Health. Indeed, some have already learned the power conferred upon that body by the Health Act of the province.

Recently a municipality was instructed to undertake a work in the interest of the public health and remedy a situation which amounted in fact to a nuisance. It was loath to spend money on such an object, and took no action. The Board of Health thereupon, acting upon a section of the Health Act, had the work done. The bill was sent to the municipality in question, and it will have to pay the cost.

Several hotels in outlying districts were faced with an order of the district officers to improve sanitation, and at first demurred. They found, however, that they could not disobey and remain open for business. One proprietor demanded to know how he could be compelled to make improvements, and when shown the law decided to do the work himself as directed. Another was told last fall to make some changes in order to provide healthy surroundings for its patrons. Nothing was done this spring, and the proprietor was given until August 1 to comply with instructions. He has since announced that the work was completed by that date.

VITAL STATISTICS OF TORONTO FOR JULY.

According to official registration figures issued by the City Clerk, the population of Toronto had a natural increase of 753 last month. Births registered numbered 1,283 and deaths 530. While the births registered in the corresponding month last year fall over 260 short of this year's number, the deaths were over 100 more than reported last