

### Books and Pamphlets.

A TREATISE ON DISEASES OF THE EYE. By J. Soelberg Wells, F.R.C.S., King's College, London, &c., &c. Fourth American, from the third English edition, by Charles S. Bull, A.M., M.D., New York. Philadelphia: H. C. Lea's Son & Co. Toronto: Willing & Williamson.

The present work has undergone many changes and additions which were necessary to bring it up to the present state of knowledge on the subject. The size of the book, however, remains about the same. The section on membranous conjunctivitis, and purulent conjunctivitis of new-born infants is entirely new. A full description of Landolt's method of blepharoplasty is given in the chapter on diseases of the lids. Sattler's views upon the nature of trachoma have also been given in their appropriate place, but no mention has been made regarding the use of the jequirity bean in the treatment of trachoma and obstinate pannus, owing, the editor states, to the mss. having been in type before the observations on this subject were published. A very interesting article on optic neuritis in intra-cranial disease, by Hughlings-Jackson, will be found in the chapter on diseases of the optic nerve. This edition has been rendered as complete as possible, and the editor appears to have bestowed great care in incorporating all the important facts elucidated by recent researches in this branch of medical science.

THE POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY for August, 1883. New York: D. Appleton & Co. \$5 per annum.

The August number is the most vigorous and brilliant of the year. Its most important article is the monopoly of the Bell Telephone Company. They say to the public: "We hold the patents of a new art; we have patented talking through a wire, and the courts pronounce our patents valid; now help yourselves!" But, if the statements in this article are true, the whole claim is now exploded, and nothing remains for the courts but to reverse their decisions, and make the telephone free to the world. The art of talking through a wire was invented first, not by Bell, but by Reis, of Germany, who devised every one of the contrivances now used, in their essential principle and working effect. There is a masterly article by W. D. Le Sueur on "The Anarchy of Modern Politics," that will be read with profound interest. An account is given by Professor Tindall of his experiments to ascertain the effect of atmospheric

moisture in restraining the radiation of heat from the earth's surface. Dr. Oswald continues his valuable papers on "The Remedies of Nature." Other articles of interest are on "The Geological Distribution of North American Forests," "Locusts as Food for Man," "The Chemistry of Cookery," "Technical Education," etc.

ANATOMY, DESCRIPTIVE AND SURGICAL. By Henry Gray, F.R.C.S., Eng., London. 10th edition, just published. Philadelphia: H. C. Lea's Son & Co. Toronto: N. Ure & Co.

It gives us much pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of this valuable standard work on anatomy. There is probably no medical text book which has been so extensively used as "Gray's Anatomy." For years it has been almost the only work on anatomy in use by medical students, and the appearance of a new edition will be hailed with delight. It is almost unnecessary to say that the present edition is up to the standard in every respect.

THE ESSENTIALS OF PATHOLOGY, by D. Tod Gilliam, M.D., Prof. of General Pathology and Physiology, Columbus Medical College, Ohio. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co. Toronto: Willing & Williamson.

We are pleased to have to hand the Essentials of Pathology, by Prof. Gilliam. After a careful perusal of its contents, we feel justified in saying that it fills a long-felt want in that it contains in a concise form all that is required of the ordinary student of the present day. The chapter on general and local death we are especially pleased with, in that it puts very clearly the close pathological associations of molecular and general death. We would also especially notice the chapter on the pathology of the blood, which is put in a very concise and excellent manner. For students and practitioners who have not the time to wade through the more exhaustive treatises upon pathology, this work is one we can highly recommend.

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### Births, Marriages and Deaths.

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At Walkerton, Ont., on the 26th of July, Wm. J. Cooper, Barrister, of Portage la Prairie, to Minerva H., only daughter of the late Wm. Henderson, M.D., of Napier, and step-daughter of L. Sinclair, M.D., of Walkerton.

On the 20th ult., Norman McGregor, M.D., of Lucknow, aged 50 years.

On the 22nd ult., Dr. Edward Laberge, M.P.P., of St. Philomene, Que., aged 54 years.