

Part V is on the Theory and Practice of the administration of *Veratrum Viride*. The author speaks very highly of its use, and claims to have had success with it.

*Atlas of Skin Diseases.* By LOUIS A. DUHRING, M.D., Professor of Skin Diseases in the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania; Physician to the Dispensary for Skin Diseases, Philadelphia; Dermatologist to the Philadelphia Hospital, &c. Philadelphia, J. P. Lippincott & Co.

We have had upon our table for some time past number five of this *Atlas of Skin Diseases*, and have had ample time to give it a critical examination. The subjects illustrated, Scabies, Herpes Zoster, Tinea, Sycosis, Eczema (vesiculosum), are among the common forms of Skin Disease seen almost weekly if not daily at ordinary Medical Dispensaries. This fact renders this number peculiarly liable to criticism by those whose opportunities for testing the correctness of the plates have been ample. Among this number we place ourself, and we can with thorough honesty express our conviction that the plates are absolutely correct, while their artistic execution does credit to the artists who have executed them. Indeed, the entire work is so complete and so artistic as to be creditable not alone to the house that has had the business tact to produce it, but to the profession of medicine in the United States, of which Dr. Duhring is so distinguished a member. The opportunities which Dr. Duhring has for pursuing his studies on Dermatology are perhaps more extensive than that possessed by any other dermatologist on this side of the Atlantic, and the letter press of this *Atlas* shows that he has seized hold of the salient and foremost points of each case, and produced a description of the disease as life-like as is the drawing it is intended to elucidate and explain. The labor which has been bestowed upon both plates and letter press must have been very great, and the profession owe it to themselves that such labor should be rewarded by a hearty and generous response. Works like this *Atlas of Skin Diseases* are not produced every year, and as the number issued beyond the subscription list must be limited, we strongly and earnestly recommend all of our readers who may feel interested in the study of Dermatology (and every

physician in practice should be deeply interested), to at once write to J. P. Lippincott & Co., of Philadelphia, and order the work. Any who may desire to see the work before ordering can do so at our office.

*First Step in Chemical Principles, intended principally for Beginners.* By HENRY LEFFMAN, M.D., Lecturer in the Jefferson Medical College. Philadelphia, Edward Stern & Co.

This small book is a little gem in its way. For those commencing the study of Medicine we know of no work which will at all compare with it in making comparatively easy that science (chemistry) that taxes as much the mathematical knowledge of the student, as it will his power of abstract reasoning. Every first year medical student should send for a copy of it.

COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS, PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

QUEBEC, 24th September, 1879.

The semi-annual meeting of the Provincial Medical Board took place at the city of Quebec, the 24th September, 1879, in the rooms of Laval University.

Members present:—Doctors Rottot, David, Marsden, Paquet, Trudel, Rivard, Wells, Paré, Ladouceur, Howard, Gibson, Scott, Gilbert, Lachapelle, LaRue, Michaud, Collet, Perrault, F. W. Campbell, Dagenais, Ahern, Marmette, Sewell, Lemieux, Gingras, Ross, Lafontaine, De St. George and Belleau.

The President, Dr. Rottot, took the chair at ten o'clock.

The minutes of the meetings of May 14th and 15th were read and adopted.

Read a letter from Dr. Grandbois, member of the Board, regretting that he was unable to attend the meeting through illness in his family.

The report of the Assessors of the Medical Faculty of Laval University, Quebec, was read and adopted.

The report of the examiners for the preliminary examination was read and adopted. By this report the following gentlemen have been admitted to the study of medicine:—Emile Sylvain, Rimouski; Alfred Pinault, Rimouski; C. Dexter Ball, Stanstead; Etienne Gosselin,