

*Reports of the Acting-President and Professors of the University of North Dakota for the Year ending June 15th, 1886.*

The Acting-President of this flourishing young University is our old friend Henry Montgomery, M.A., B.Sc., formerly Lecturer on Biology in Toronto School of Medicine. We are pleased to know that Mr. Montgomery has been so successful in his efforts to build up the Institution, in which he has been the leading spirit since its Establishment.

### Personal.

Dr. J. H. Duncan, who has been spending a few months in Vienna, will resume his practice in Thamesville, Ont., on his return early in January.

### BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTE.

The following extracts from the preface to the forthcoming (sixth) edition of "The Principles and Practice of Medicine," by the late Dr. Austin Flint, will be read with interest, as evincing alike the enormous personal experience upon which the author founded his opinions, and the very complete manner in which he has presented to the fellow-members of his profession the matured results of his life's labors.

"The basis of the work is an unbroken series of records of cases in private practice and in hospitals, begun in 1833 and continued for more than half a century, covering sixteen thousand nine hundred and twenty-two folio pages of manuscript, written with the author's own hand. These records embrace carefully-written histories of cases in all departments of practical medicine, observed under varied conditions of life, climate, and general surroundings. Soldiers in camp and barracks; the rich and the poor; those affected with diseases incident to lives of ease and luxury, and paupers in hospitals; the pioneers of Western New York, and the inhabitants of the metropolis; patients in the wards of the almshouse and hospitals of Buffalo; of the Marine Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky; the great Charity Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana; the Bellevue Hospital, the Charity Hospital, the Dispensaries, and similar institutions in the city of New York. Cases observed in the experience of a quarter of a

century as a general practitioner, and of more than another quarter of a century as a consulting physician, including the epidemics which have occurred in this country within the last fifty years—the experience derived from these various sources of observation, carefully recorded, studied, and analyzed, was finally used in the composition of this treatise.

"The claim in the preface to the fifth edition, 'that the eliminations, substitutions, and additions, rendered it essentially a new work,' can with equal propriety be made for the present edition as compared with the edition issued in 1881. Among the entirely new articles, special attention may be called to the following: Infectious Tumors, Syphilitic Disease of the Lungs, Cerebral Syphilis, General Considerations relating to Inflammatory and Structural Diseases of the Spinal Cord, Spastic Cerebral Paralysis of Children, Hereditary Ataxia, Myxœdema, Multiple Neuritis, General Pathology of Fever, and Milk Sickness. In addition to these new features, many articles have been entirely rewritten; and in nearly every article changes and additions, some of them very important, have been made."

### Miscellaneous.

The following, taken from one of our dailies, shows the false position in which the profession may be placed by one of its unscrupulous members: "Good morning, gentlemen," said the doctor, as he walked into the newspaper office, "is the city editor in? Ah, yes, I see. Mr. Huntumup, there was an accident on Fremont avenue this afternoon that I thought you would like to hear of. Mrs. John Peduncle was thrown out of her carriage and sustained a compound fracture of the right clavicle. She was taken home and medical aid summoned. Her injuries were skilfully attended to, and she is now resting easily. You might say that I was called and have charge of the case."

"By the way, doctor," said the advertising manager, looking up from his books, "I would like to insert an advertisement for you in the *Banner*. I'll let you have it a year for \$30 an inch, payable—"

"Sir," interrupted the doctor with a scowl, "I never advertise. It is contrary to medical ethics. Good day, gentlemen."