

possess of electing the resident staff. Let us remind you that up to about two years ago the resident staff were all McGill men. A few friends of Bishops then thought that it was only fair that one of these five appointments should be given to one of her graduates, and a candidate was found in the person of Dr. Vidal who was also a graduate of Toronto University. His friends were many and influential and among them were not a few governors of the hospital. They felt that his career justified the belief that he would make a good resident officer and they determined if possible to elect him. His candidature met the most intense opposition from the McGill members of the staff but in spite of it, Dr. Vidal was elected, and his work during the ten months he was in the hospital gave the greatest satisfaction, even to those who opposed his election. This being the case it seemed a not unreasonable thing to hope, that out of five resident surgeons the future might at least show a tacit willingness to give one to Bishops College, who at that time had two of its teaching staff on the hospital staff. If ever the men of Bishops College entertained such an idea, it was soon dissipated when last spring among the candidates for the residential medical officers was Dr. Tatley, a graduate of Bishops College. This gentleman, though the son of one of Montreal's best and most prominent citizens, was opposed as determinedly as was Dr. Vidal, but in spite of all the opposition he stood third on the *elected* list. Has his so to speak forcible election, against the wishes of the majority of the medical staff, been detrimental to the interests of the hospital? On the contrary, to-day Dr. Tatley is undoubtedly the best of the resident staff, an honor to the college from which he graduated, and an honor to the institution which he is serving. The resolution of Mr. Watt, if it became law, would be sure to operate in the way we have indicated. We sincerely hope therefore, that the spirit of fair play which always animate this gentleman, will induce him to withdraw his motion.

## BOOK NOTICES.

**DIPHTHERIA, ITS NATURAL HISTORY AND PREVENTION;** being the Milroy Lectures delivered before the Royal College of Physicians of London, 1891. By R. Thorne Thorne, M.B., Lond., F. R. C. P., Lond., F. R. S., assistant medical officer to Her Majesty's Local Government Board, etc., etc. London, Macmillan & Co., New York, 1891.

This valuable collection of lectures on such an interesting subject, and one of such vital importance to every practicing physician cannot but prove most acceptable to all who are in any way concerned either in the prevention or treatment of this altogether too prevalent disease. A careful perusal of the contents of this little volume will more than fully repay the time thus occupied, and we would heartily recommend it to all physicians. The binding, paper and letter-press are done in Macmillan & Co.'s usual first class style.

**ESSENTIALS OF BACTERIOLOGY;** being a concise and systematic introduction to the study of Micro-Organisms, for the use of students and practitioners. By M. V. Ball, M.D., late resident physician German Hospital, Philadelphia; with 77 illustrations, some in colors. Philadelphia, W. B. Saunders, 913 Walnut street, 1891. Price \$1.00.

This little book forms part 20 of Saunderson's Question Compend and is in all respects up to the standard of its predecessors. As bacteria are at the present day looked upon as being the exciting cause of many common diseases the appearance before the medical public of this little work on bacteriology will doubtless prove most gratifying both to the busy general practitioner, who has no spare moments to search for information in more ponderous volumes, and also to the overworked medical students. The price is within the reach of all and none should be without it.

**THE URINE; THE COMMON POISONS AND THE MILK. MEMORANDA, CHEMICAL AND MICROSCOPICAL, FOR LABORATORY USE.** By J. W. Holland, M.D., Professor of Medical Chemistry and Toxicology, Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia. Illustrated, 4th edition, revised and enlarged. Philadelphia, P. Blakiston Son & Co., 1891.

The practical little work is intended, as the preface informs us, to be used as a syllabus for the laboratory. The text is made brief and to the point, so as to make a pocket volume, handy for reference. Pages have been left blank for calculations, memoranda, or more extended notes to be made by the student. For the convenience of those whose course of study is very short, the most important matter is printed in the large type. Provision is made for more thorough study by the explanations and quantitative processes given in the small print. Numerous woodcuts are dispersed throughout the book and the general "get up" of the little work is excellent.

**SURGERY; ITS THEORY AND PRACTICE.** By William Johnson Walsham, F.R.C.S., assistant surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, etc., etc. Third edition, revised and enlarged, with 318 illustrations. Philadelphia, P. Blakiston, Son & Co., 1012 Walnut street, 1891.

This practical little volume has become so