

Prof. Galbraith; Foods, drinks and adulteration, Dr. Bryce; Construction and ventilation of buildings, Dr. Cassidy; Poisons, Dr. Rae; School Hygiene, Dr. Yeomans; Legislation, Dr. Bryce; Finance, Dr. Rae; Publication, Drs. Oldright and Covernton. The Board then adjourned.

Book Notices.

Dr. Ryerson: a Review and a Study. By J. Antisell Allen, Esq., Kingston.

Agricultural Returns to the Ontario Bureau of Industries. May 15, 1884.

Settler's Pocket Guide to Homesteads in the Canadian North-west. John T. Moore, Toronto.

A Catalogue of Old and New Books, by William Johnston, 312 Yonge Street, Toronto.

Sixth Annual Announcement of the Fort Wayne College of Medicine. Session, 1884-5.

Annual Announcement of the Medical Department of Niagara University. Buffalo, N. Y., Spring Term, 1884.

International Medical Congress. Eighth Session, Copenhagen, 10th to 16th August, 1884. Rules and Programme.

Moral (affective) Insanity—Psycho-Sensory Insanity. By C. H. Hughes, M.D., St. Louis (Reprint from *Alienist and Neurologist*.)

Weekly Health and Meteorological Reports, and Monthly Mortuary Statistics of City of Lansing and State of Michigan. Issued by the State Board of Health. Henry B. Baker, M.D., Secretary.

The Picturesque on the B. and O. From Great Rivers and Lakes over the crest of the Alleghanies, down the Valley of the Potomac to the Sea. This little book gotten up as a Railway advertisement, is one of the handsomest things of the kind we have ever seen; every page containing a description of the line of route, and comically and fantastically illuminated, and the notable scenery on the way is beautifully reproduced by fine engravings.

The Popular Science Monthly. Conducted by E. L. and W. J. Youmans. New York: D. Appleton & Co.

The July number is, as usual, replete with articles of scientific interest adapted to the practical needs of a very large class of the community. Those possessing more direct interest to the medical man in this number are Colorado for Invalids, by Samuel A. Fisk, M.D.; The Prevention of Hydrophobia, by Louis Pasteur; Diseases of Plants, by D. D. Penhallow; Glasgow's Bandy-legged Children, by George Hay, M.D.; Sketch of Averroës, by George Jackson Fisher, M.D.; Adaptation to Climate, by Dr. A. Berghaus.

The articles which have appeared by Herbert Spencer, alone would be worth the subscription price of the journal, to the medical man as well as to the individual citizen, whether he is a professional man or not.

Sexual Neurasthenia (Nervous Exhaustion), its Hygiene, Causes, Symptoms, and Treatment, with a Chapter on

Diet for the Nervous, by Geo. M. Beard, A.M., M.D. (Posthumous Manuscript). Edited by A. D. Rockwell, A.M., M.D. New York: E. B. Treat., 1884.

This little work, a posthumous manuscript of the late Dr. Beard, is edited by the author's former friend and partner, Dr. Rockwell. It deals with that form of neurasthenia associated with abuse and irritation of the sexual apparatus. It is a philosophical and clinical study upon a large number of cases, which are narrated in the forcible and lucid style of the author. The diet for man is founded upon the theory of evolution. The higher feeds upon the lower organization, and the best diet is upon that which more nearly approaches the eater in the scale of evolution. The book will repay perusal for its many hints in diagnosis and treatment,

Diagnosis and Treatment of Diseases of the Heart, by Constantin Paul. New York; Wm. Wood & Co. 1884.

This constitutes the March number of Wood's Library for 1884. It is replete with information, and is a remarkably good sample of the best of the modern French school of scientific medicine. M. Paul, as a diagnostician, is, if not without an equal, at least with few superiors in Paris, and also in the world.

The work is divided into three parts, the first, consisting of eight chapters, upon general considerations of the topography of the heart. In this portion of the work is touched upon the most recent applications of science to the mensuration and physiology of the heart. The second part takes up the diseases of the heart and its membranes, and the third is devoted to treatment. There are numerous diagrams and cuts distributed throughout the work. Many of the illustrations would be rendered more serviceable by lettering and explanatory notes appended to them. Sphygmographic tracings are numerous and carefully analysed. We cordially recommend the work to the profession, and would be better pleased if it were possible to obtain it, if wanted, without the necessity of buying other books which we possibly may not desire to have.

Clinical Lectures on Mental Diseases, by T. S. Clouston, M.D., Edin., F.R.C.P.E.; to which is added an *Abstract of the Statutes of the United States and of the several States and Territories relating to the Custody of the Insane,* by Charles F. Folsom, M.D. Philadelphia: Henry C. Lea's Son & Co., 1884.

Dr. Clouston speaks apologetically of the appearance of his work on mental disease, seeing how many treatises on this subject have been put forth, and how excellent is the character they bear. These lectures are essentially clinical. The illustrations of disease are faithfully drawn from the author's personal experience. The appeal to actual facts and vivid description of existing cases attracts the attention and impresses the memory with more force than a generalized description, however much labour and research may have been expended upon it.

In his classification he introduces some modifications in nomenclature which he affirms are more in conso-