

CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—Physicians who are arranging for their summer vacation will be pleased to see that the Canadian Medical Association have arranged to hold their meeting at St. John, N.B., on August 22nd and 23rd next. As a place in which to spend a holiday, the Maritime Provinces can hardly be excelled, and St. John, in August, is said to be almost a paradise.

The gathering promises to be a great success, and those who attend will no doubt feel well repaid for their trip. The expense will be comparatively trifling. No doubt the Secretary will be glad to hear of any who contemplate attending the meeting.

GUAIACOL IN DIABETES.—Dr. Clemens, Frankfort-on-Maine, *La Semaine Médicale, Med. Press*, has obtained excellent results in the treatment of cases of diabetes by means of guaiacol. Doses of from 6 to 10 minims of the drug are administered three times a day in a tablespoonful of milk. Under this treatment, in the majority of cases, a progressive diminution in the glycosuria and polyuria takes place, sometimes even, the sugar entirely disappears, and the general condition of the patients becomes greatly improved.

CANCER OF THE UTERUS.—The following is recommended as a deodorizer, *Rev. Méd.* :

R—Acidi salicylici, . . . . . gr. vj.  
Sodæ salicylat., . . . . . ʒ iij.  
Tr. eucalypti, . . . . . fl. ʒ vj.  
Aq. destil. q.s. ad. . . . . ʒ vj.

M. Sig.—Three tablespoonfuls to a pint of water. To be used as an injection every three or four hours.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS IN SOME OF THE STATES TO PRACTICE MEDICINE.—No legal requirements are necessary for the practice of medicine in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire or Rhode Island. In Arizona, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Nevada, Ohio, South Carolina, Wisconsin and Wyoming, any kind of a diploma from a "chartered medical institution" is a sufficient guarantee of the holder's fitness to practice.

NERVOUS OTITIS.—Seek for dental caries, ulceration of mouth and larynx. Iodide of potassium, quinine, salicylate of soda, antipyrin, phenacetin, have given some good results. The negative electric pole should be tried.

## Books and Pamphlets.

THE MEDICAL ANNUAL, 1894. Pp., 680, \$2. Bristol: John Wright & Co. Toronto: Carveth & Co.

This popular work is again to hand. It is considerably enlarged. The arrangement of the subjects is practically the same as in previous years. New remedies are first taken up, and the most important of those which have come into notice during the past year are dealt with, as well as the new application of old remedies.

The contributors are well-known and eminent men of all schools and countries. Among other headings, we notice, Sanitation, New Inventions and Improvements in Pharmacy, Books of the Year, and Therapeutic Gains of 1893.

It is a useful book for the general practitioner.

SYPHILIS IN THE INNOCENT (Syphilis Insontium): Clinically and historically considered with a plan for the legal control of the disease. By L. Duncan Bulkley, A.M., M.D., Physician to the New York Skin and Cancer Hospital; Consulting Physician to the New York Hospital; lately Professor of Dermatology New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital, etc. New York: Bailey & Fairchild. Toronto: Carveth & Co. 1894.

This is the essay to which the College of Physicians awarded the Alvarenza prize for the best memoir on any medical subject. It is the result of ten years' work by one of the ablest men in America. The writer argues that syphilis is not essentially a venereal disease, and that it is too frequently so regarded. He devotes this essay to the disease considered from its non-venereal side. Much of historical interest in connection with syphilis is given, e.g., a table giving the epidemics of syphilis since 1577. It is a work of great merit.

HYDATID DISEASE, VOL. II. By the late John Davies Thomas, M.D., Lond., F.R.C.S., Eng. A collection of papers on Hydatid Disease, edited and arranged by Alfred Austin London, M.D., London, Lecturer on Forensic Medicine, and on Clinical Medicine in the University of Adelaide; Physician to the Adelaide Hospital; Honorary Medical Officer, Adelaide Children's Hospital. Sydney. L. Bruch: 1894.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF PHILADELPHIA. Third series. Vol. fifteen contains the papers read before the College from January, 1893 to December, 1893, inclusive.