

British Columbia, and Capt. Stephen George, of the South African Constabulary; and two daughters, Mrs. Alex. Anderson, Rochester, New York and Mrs. John Longworth, Brandon, Manitoba; also, two brothers L. L. and F. H. Beer of this city, and two sisters, Mrs. Olive Jones, Moncton, and Mrs. Full, Lynn, Mass. They have the sincere sympathy of the entire community and of the medical profession of which Dr. Beer was a respected member. The medical profession of the city of Charlottetown followed his remains as mourners to Sherwood Cemetery on the 7th Dec., inst., together with a large concourse of citizens showing their great respect and esteem for him

Book Reviews.

PRINCIPLES OF SURGERY. By N. SENN, M. D., etc., Professor of Surgery in Rush Medical College, Chicago. Third Edition, 1901. Published by F. A. Davis Co., Philadelphia.

It may seem an ungracious thing to say anything in disparagement of any book by Professor Senn, especially of one which has been everywhere so well received. Yet, while conceding this to be a most valuable and interesting book we are bound to say that the title is misleading.

One of Professor Senn's reasons for writing this book is, as stated in his preface, that recent works on Surgery "are defective in those parts relating to the matter treating of the fundamental principles of the art and science of Surgery." And his aim is to write a book on the "Causation, pathology, diagnosis, prognosis and treatment of the injuries and affections which the surgeon is most frequently called upon to treat." But he has apparently been so impressed with "the recent great discoveries relating to the etiology and pathology of surgical diseases" that he has forgotten half his purpose, and indeed it seems to us that a more suitable title for the book would be:—"The Pathology of Surgical Diseases." A glance over the table of contents shows this to be the case. And even this pathological character is not complete, for it is almost entirely a bacteriology. The subject of Tumours is indeed to be treated in another volume, but there are many surgical diseases not yet traceable to the malign influence of any microbe not even mentioned in this book. And the whole subject of surgical injuries, except that of wounds is left out.

We yield to none in our appreciation of the importance of bacteriology, but we protest against so exaggerated a view of its importance as results in a book on the "Principles of Surgery" written "for the student and general practitioner," which ignores any other factor in disease than the