

A MANUAL OF PRACTICAL HYGIENE, by Edmund A. Parkes, M. D., F. R. S., late Prof. of Military Hygiene in the Army Med. School. Edited by F. S. B. F. De Chaumont, M. D., F. R. S., F. R. C., S. E., Prof. of Military Hygiene in the Army Medical School, &c. Sixth edition, with Appendix giving the American practice in matters relating to Hygiene. Prepared by and under the supervision of Frederick N. Owen, Civil and Sanitary Engineer. Vol. II. New York: William Wood & Co.

We expressed much pleasure on the appearance of the first volume of this first-class standard work, and now welcome with equal pleasure this, which is the November number of Wood's admirable series Parks' is generally regarded as the best work published on this very important science, and if it were more generally studied by professional men and others there would be less sickness and premature deaths.

The American Appendix, of about 140 pages, treats of American Soils and Climatology and Meteorology and a number of other subjects, with a chapter of "hints to sanitary inspectors." Altogether the work is a very valuable one.

VETERINARY MEDICINE AND SURGERY IN DISEASES AND INJURIES OF THE HORSE, compiled from Standard and Modern Authorities and edited by F. O. Kirby. Illustrated by four color plates and one hundred and sixty-eight wood engravings. New York: Wm. Wood & Co.

This is the December number of Wood's series, and when we consider that no other animal is of so much value to man, and especially to the physician, as the horse, we may regard this as a most fitting work with which to complete the series of the year. The author has shown good judgment in the compilation, and gives to his readers a concise, practical work on veterinary medicine and surgery. We wish both it and Parkes' manual could be obtained separately, and without the purchase of the years' series, and beg to suggest the desirability of the publishers providing for a separate issue of these works.

LEGAL MEDICINE, vol. III., by Charles McMott Tidy, M. B., F. C. S., master of surgery; Prof. Chem., Forensic Med. and Public Health, London Hospital; public analyst, medical officer of health, etc. New York: Wm. Wood & Co.

This is the January number of Wood's series, and as we have stated before this work of Tidy is likely to be regarded as the standard work on this subject. This vol. treats of legitimacy and paternity, infanticide, asphyxia, drowning, hanging, &c.

VIEWS OF OTTAWA, by J. Hope & Co., manufacturing stationers, booksellers, &c., Ottawa. Price 50c.

This consists of 25 well executed views of the principal sights in Ottawa, conveniently arranged to fold in book form, with a brief description of each. It includes different views of the Parliament Buildings, the Chaudiere Falls, Rideau Hall, Ottawa Ladies' College, Notre Dame, Sappers' Bridge, &c., and is highly creditable alike to the publishers and to the city it so well illustrates.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT of the board of health of the State of New Jersey, 1883: Woodbury, N. J., J. D. Carpenter. This contains a great deal of very useful matter. New Jersey is taking rank amongst the foremost states in public health proceedings.

REMINISCENCES OF MY FIRST VOYAGE FROM AMERICA TO ENGLAND, by W. C. W. Bick: Ottawa, C. W. Mitchell; paper p. 64. This is a very readable concise description of a trip across the Atlantic, and of the principal sights of London.

SCHOOL AND HEALTH CIRCULARS, Nos. two and three, for parents, guardians, children, teachers and trustees, issued by the board of health of the State of New Jersey.

THE CANADA EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY for March enters a timely protest against a growing evil in schools, "the display of sumptuousness and finery made by some parents in the dress of their children." We fully agree with the monthly that it is "in excessively bad taste," and savors too much of "Sir Georgius Midas and his vulgar spouse."

THE TORONTO "WORLD," we are much pleased to learn, will soon be issued again. It has been one of the most independent, outspoken, spicy papers that we have had the good fortune to read, and we wish it a new life and a long one. It has taken a strong stand against quackery in medicine, and is entitled to the warm support of the profession; while its columns have been exceptionally free from anything objectionable for family reading.

LEAD FROM FRESH PAINT.—Notwithstanding that chemists believe lead compounds are not volatile, the *Lancet*, (London, E.) states that there seems to be only one possible explanation of the effects of fresh lead paint on luminous paint, and, we might also add on the health often of those occupying freshly painted rooms, and that is, that a surface freshly covered with lead paint does actually emit some volatile compound of lead.