

to the test. These can be screened out of the air by a layer of cotton wool and destroyed in water by sufficiently elevating the temperature, when these elements may be kept for any length of time without any generation of life.

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THIS is a new monthly journal, designed to give the Canadian reader a review of the principal musical events of this country and Europe, and to furnish a selection of popular music. The number before us contains three well printed pieces of music, which we much prefer to the accompanying letter-press—some of which we think frivolous and unworthy of the journal.

Yayin, or the Bible Wine Question.

Edited by Professor Watts, Belfast. 12mo. pp. 48.

FROM the conclusions of this pamphlet we utterly dissent. Our own opinion will be found fully expressed in another part of this magazine. But even if Professor Watts' conclusions were correct, his would-be-witty and derisive criticism of the advocates of total abstinence strikes us as an undignified and unworthy treatment of a serious and important subject.

We have received from the Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of New York, two exceedingly useful and elegantly illuminated pamphlets, of over 200 pages, on very important subjects. The first is, "Plain Directions for Accidents, Emergencies and Poisons." It is prepared by a Fellow of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, and is illustrated by numerous engravings. A knowledge of the valuable information here given would often be the means of saving life in the dangerous emergencies which at least sometimes occur in the experience of most persons.

The other pamphlet is an admirable treatise on the "Care of the Sick," founded on Miss Nightingale's "Notes on Nursing." Often more depends for the recovery of the sick on the nurse than on the physician. The directions here given are characterized by sound sense, professional skill, and great kindness of feeling. We are glad to see that this pamphlet has reached its hundredth thousand. It must, we are confident, have alleviated the suffering in many a sick room. This is the most practically useful mode of advertising that we have seen, and is unusually modest withal.

NOTES ON LITERATURE, &c., &c.

—The Royal Academy has elected Right Hon. Mr. Gladstone Professor of Ancient History.

—A paper, by Mr. Karl Blind, on the "Life and Labours of Francis Deak," appears in the March number of *Fraser*.

—A new weekly Church paper has made its appearance in England—*The Church of England Pulpit and Ecclesiastical Review*.

—Mr. Thorold Rogers has in the press "Epistles, Satires, and Epigrams," the first two adapted from Horace and Juvenal, but entirely modernized.

—Gustav Nieritz, the well-known German writer of "Tales for the Young," died at Dresden on the 16th ult.

—"The Devil's Chain," by Mr. Edward Jenkins, M. P., author of "Gin's