

Notes and Comments.

THE New Brunswick Medical Society has recently had printed and distributed among its members a very neat little hand-book, containing the by-laws of the Society, extracts from the New Brunswick Medical Act, the Code of Medical Ethics, and the tariff of fees recently adopted by the society. This booklet will be found very useful and a handy means of reference for the members of the profession.

LYING-IN Department of the New York Post Graduate Medical School at 543 East 13 Street,—Mrs. C. P. Huntington has given the Directors of the Post Graduate Medical School \$2,000, a sum sufficient to defray the expenses of the Lying-in Department for one year. Prof. Von Raundohr will have charge of this department at 543 East 13 Street, where instruction in Obstetrics will be given to graduates in medicine only.

It is with pleasure that we call attention to the mineral water supplied by the Wilmot Spa Springs Company. The natural water is a very agreeable beverage with mild laxative properties, which may be used with much advantage in persons who are habitually constipated. The water has gained a high reputation and undoubtedly compares well with the best imported waters of higher price. The company, we understand, has a successful and growing business, to which the merits of the water certainly entitles them. It is only on the principle of a prophet being without honour in his own country that the Spa water would be ignored in favour of an imported article. The Nova Scotia water will stand the test of a careful trial and comparison. The ginger ale, lemonade and soda water manufactured with the Spa water as a basis are very nice preparations, though perhaps the natural water is the one most deserving of the recommendation of the profession.

THE proposed new system of taxation for Halifax according to which medical men will be taxed a professional license fee of a considerable amount, (five to twenty-five dollars, the latter after five years practice,) in addition to 10 per cent. of the amount of rent, and a tax on horses, &c., we believe to be absurdly unfair. That a man should be taxed on what he has not yet earned and regardless of the amount of his

income is not, we think, a just or wise system. As a profession we do so much for nothing, and do it so eagerly sometimes that it is no wonder if we are misunderstood and taken for affluent personages enjoying special opportunities for making money. The fact is that we already give beyond our ability and if there was a correct understanding of the financial position of the average doctor nowadays, he would not be considered a wonderfully fat goose to feed upon. We trust the profession will not apathetically allow to pass unopposed a system which will increase the disproportionate burdens of at least the younger practitioners.

Personals.

JAMES STEWART, M. D., has been appointed to the chair of Clinical Medicine in McGill University.

A. D. Blackader, M. D., has been appointed to the chair of Materia Medica and Therapeutics in McGill University.

R. F. RUTTAN, M. D., has been appointed Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Registrar in the Medical Faculty of McGill University.

DR. N. DARRELL HARVEY has commenced practice as an ophthalmologist in New York. He has already distinguished himself by devising some instruments for the latest operation on trachoma, which is known as grattage.

BELCHER'S FARMER'S ALMANACK, 1892.—This standard work is again before the public, and it maintains its well-won character of a store-house of useful information for all classes of the population. It gives us the Royal Family; the members of the Senate and House of Commons, and Privy Council, all the Provincial Legislature, all the lawyers, doctors, clergymen and militia of Nova Scotia; the usual Calendar notes of weeks and months and seasons, tides, changes of the moon; tariff rates, &c., &c. It is an invaluable handbook for constant reference in the office, in the library, and in the domestic circle; as useful to medical men as to any one.

PARNELL died from hyperpyrexia, one of the complications not very rare in inflammatory rheumatism.

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