

DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

To the Editor of ONTARIO MEDICAL JOURNAL.

SIR, -In response to an invitation issued by Drs. Ruttan and Day, a number of medical men of the Fourteenth Electoral Division met on Thursday evening, March 29th, at the Huffman House, Belleville, for the purpose of organizing a District Medical Association and adopting a tariff of fees. The following officers were appointed: President, Dr. A. Ruttan, Napanee; Vice-President, Dr. McKenzie, Trenton; Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Bowerman, Picton. Executive Committee: Drs. Eakins, Thornton, Kidd, Macaulay and J. S. Sprague.

A. C. BOWERMAN,
Secretary.

Picton, April 23rd, 1894.

Book Notices.

The Popular Science Monthly for May shows a greater diversity than usual in its pages, fit articles being given for all scientific turns.

"Guests of the May flower," an entomological paper followed by "Frost forms on Roan Mountain," beautifully illustrated; "Cause and effect in Education," and "Religious belief as a basis of Morality," with "Economic uses of non-edible fish," and "The sleep of mollusks" as counterfoils. The photograph and sketch in this number is of Sir Joseph Henry Gilbert, the ancient scientist and fellow-worker of Sir John Lawes.

Probably the chapters of most interest are those continued through as "New Chapters in Warfare of Science," by A. D. White. That of this month is on the theological and scientific theories of an evolution in animated nature.

Essentials of Nervous Diseases and Insanity. Their symptoms and treatment. A manual for students and practitioners. By JOHN C. SHAW, M.D., Clinical Professor of Diseases of the Mind and Nervous System, etc., etc. Second Edition. Revised. Forty-eight original illustrations. Price \$1.00. 1894. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders.

The study of diseases of the nervous system, the great bug-bear of most students in medicine, will be greatly facilitated by the use of this volume.

The facts given are accurate and concise, and easily acquired on reading.

While not approving of these question compends, as a rule, we must make an exception of this one, not only on account of its matter but also because of the reference given at the end of each description to large works.

The Medical Annual. The edition of 1894 is worth reading. Each contributor has been selected with special reference to his familiarity with the subject, and through many of the articles can be seen a pleasing individuality, which is much more acceptable to the average reader than the too liberal quotation which tends to confuse and fatigue, rather than to instruct. The scientific excellence and practical value of many of this year's contributions to the *Medical Annual* make it a volume of equal importance to the active practitioner and to the student.

The excellent plates, which are expressly prepared to illustrate and verify the descriptions, are also worthy of special notice: among others, we may mention those which accompany Dr. Shaw's valuable communication on the "Expression of the Face as a Means of Diagnosis in Cases of Insanity."

Carveth & Co., Parliament Street, Toronto, are the agents for Canada, and well deserve an order. Price \$2.

Essentials of Practice of Pharmacy. Arranged in form of questions and answers, prepared specially for pharmaceutical students. 2nd Edition. Revised by LUCIUS E. SAYRE, Ph.C., Professor of Pharmacy and Materia Medica of the School of Pharmacy of the University of Kansas. Price, \$1.00. 1894. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders.

This work is published by the well-known house of W. B. Saunders, Philadelphia. It is neatly bound and well printed. The selection of type used is excellent, enabling one to refer to a given subject in the minimum of time.

The author has well named his work. It contains, in concise form, much knowledge which he who builds solidly must thoroughly understand. While it may be to some few a twice-told tale, it is certainly an excellent work of reference for all, and should be in the hands of every employee, assistant and apprentice.