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SALICYLIC ACID IN ACUTE RHEUMATISM (*The Lancet*, October 13, 1877).—Dr. Whipham reports at length an extremely interesting case of acute rheumatism complicated by pericarditis and broncho-pneumonia, which was relieved at once, when the patient was apparently dying, by salicylate of sodium, after failure of a fair trial of the alkaline treatment. The remedy was given in twenty-grain doses every two or three hours.—*Med. Times*

DEATH FROM CHLOROFORM.—Another death from chloroform took place at Ancaster, Ont., a few weeks ago. The patient, an elderly lady, was about to undergo an operation for the removal of a tumor in the axilla. Only a small quantity of chloroform had been given when she suddenly died. Fatty degeneration of the heart was discovered at the *post mortem*. The medical men were fully exonerated from any reflection.

NITRIC ACID IN HOARSENESS.—A few drops of this acid in a little syrup of tolu and water is an excellent remedy for the sore throat and huskiness of voice in public speakers and singers. A late physician of eminence was in the habit of prescribing the nitrate of ammonia in five grain doses in cough mixtures with surprising success.

ELEVATED POSITIONS AS HEALTH RESORTS.—The highest inhabited place on the globe is the Post House of Ancomarco in Peru, at nearly 16,000 feet above the level of the sea. This and other high levels, according to the authority of Herman Webster, are particularly favourable to persons suffering from consumption, as Colorado and the mountains of Switzerland, where altitudes of from 7 to 14,000 feet can be attained ; but the south slopes of a mountain or other elevated positions should be chosen.

ANNUAL ACCESSION TO THE PROFESSION.—The medical schools of the United States of America turn out about 3000 graduates every year. Add to this the annual produce of the European and Canadian schools, and we have an army of no mean proportion annually added to an already overcrowded profession.

APPOINTMENTS.—John Gillies, M.D., of Teeswater, to be an Associate Coroner for the Co. Bruce.

W. A. Comfort, M.D., of Campden, to be an Associate Coroner for the Co. Lincoln.

J. W. Alway, M.D., of Grimsby, to be an Associate Coroner for the Co. Lincoln.

Books and Pamphlets.

A GUIDE TO THE EXAMINATIONS AT THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, by J. Gant, F.R.C.S. Third Edition. London : Bailliere, Tindall & Cox, King William Street.

This comprehensive little work contains information which will be found invaluable to those who purpose presenting themselves for examination at the Royal College of Surgeons. The work is well known and highly prized in England by the students, many of whom have to thank Mr. Gant for the success they attained at their examination.

LECTURES ON FEVERS, by Alfred L. Loomis, A.M., M.D., Professor of Pathology, &c., in the University of New York, pp. 362. Wm. Wood & Co. Toronto : Hart & Rawlinson.

The lectures which comprise this volume, thirty in number, were delivered to the class in 1876-7, and phonographically reported by Dr. W. M. Carpenter. The author has adopted an etiological basis in the classification of fevers, and has "endeavoured to include in a few general classes all the numerous types described by different writers." The work may be said to contain a summary of the literature of fevers in this country, and such foreign literature as is of interest to the profession. All the fevers incident to this climate are treated of, also the exanthematous fevers—small-pox, scarlatina and measles. The work is thoroughly practical in its character, and will be a welcome addition to the practitioner's library.

COMPENDIUM OF HISTOLOGY, by Prof. Heinrich Frey, and translated from the German by G. R. Cutter, M.D., New York. Illustrated with 208 engravings on wood. New York : G. P. Putnam's, Sons. Toronto : Willing and Williamson.

The science of histology has made rapid strides within the past decade and has become an integral part of medical studies, but the text-books on this subject are so voluminous that we feel assured