

has been appointed to the chair of Medical and Surgical Diseases of Women, and Clinical Gynecology in the Chicago Medical College. He will take up his residence in Chicago shortly.

Dr. Brouse has been appointed a member of the Senate of the Dominion Government.

Dr. U. Ogden has been appointed as the representative of the medical graduates on the Senate of Victoria College.

The death of Charles Murchison, M.D., L.L.D., of St. Thomas' Hospital, on the 23rd of April, in his 49th year, is announced in our exchanges. The cause of death was aortic incompetence.

To the Editor of the CANADA LANCET.

SIR,—I would like to ask if you know anything of one Dr. Budd. He claims to be an English graduate, and to have been a surgeon in the British army and on the G. T. Railway of Canada, and while in the employ of the latter was stationed in the neighborhood of Port Huron.

He came to this village and made arrangements to rent a house, paying or offering to pay a much higher rate of rent than the house was bringing, and by other acts of open-handedness made the people believe he was something beyond the common. He even went so far as to offer to buy out my practice. This show lasted for two or three days, and at the end of that time, he left. He went out for a walk in the morning, saying he would be back for dinner. This occurred three weeks ago, and since then nothing has been seen or heard of him. It is needless to add he forgot to pay his board bill.

If he is a legally registered practitioner he is certainly a disgrace to the profession, and if he is a quack, tramp, or an impostor he ought to be exposed. He pretends to have been registered at the late examination.

Yours, &c.,

GEORGE RIDDELL.

Coldsprings, May 24th, 1879.

[We know nothing of the person referred to above. He is not a legally qualified medical man, and his name does not appear among those who passed at the recent examination.—ED. LANCET.]

Reports of Societies.

HAMILTON MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.

At the last regular meeting of this Society, held at the Royal Hotel, Dr. McKelcan, President, occupied the chair, and after routine Dr. Griffin read a short but interesting paper on a case of *Cardiac Thrombosis*, and represented the heart with the *thrombus in situ*. The paper gave rise to some very suggestive remarks from the members present.

Dr. T. W. Mills, resident physician of the City Hospital, presented six specimens of the following pathological conditions:—(1.) Three specimens of chronic inflammation of the bladder, the cause of one being a stricture of twelve years' standing, and of the other two, enlarged prostate in old men. In one of the latter cases the walls of the bladder were $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch thick; ureters and pelvis of kidneys involved in each case. (2.) Case of antracosis of the lung. (3.) Diphtheritis of the larynx (fatal issue from closure of the glottis) in a case of erysipelas of the head and neck. (4.) Cancer of the pylorus, with secondary nodules in the liver. After brief explanations of the pathological history in each case, the doctor further illustrated the subject by microscopic sections of several of the organs presented.

Books and Pamphlets.

NAVAL HYGIENE, by Joseph Wilson, M.D., Medical Director U.S. Navy. Philadelphia: Lindsay and Blakiston. Toronto: Willing & Williamson.

It may be affirmed safely, because much observation and the inherent nature of things, the necessary relation of cause and effect, bear testimony to its truth, that if abundance of wholesome food, pure water, ample clothing, cleanliness, and efficient ventilation, as they now prevail in the American, British, and European navies, had in the time of Anson and Cook been the rule, the tremendous mortality resulting from scurvy, which frequently more than half depopulated the ships, would have been avoided. In 1779, in the British Navy, there was one death in every eight men employed, annually. In 1811 it was one in 32, in the present day one in 72. This wonderful improvement is the sole result of a careful attention to hygienic rules including specially a fresh meat allowance and a liberal supply of lemon juice. The statistical re-

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