

the admirable drawings for the great work on anatomy by Vesalius. The great painter of Venice fully appreciated the merits of the young anatomist, for we find that when he had finished the portraits of Charles V., Francis I., the grand Signor Soliman, he immediately commenced those of Vesalius and Ariosto, the aristocracy of talent appearing to him worthy of a place beside the aristocracy of rank. We cordially recommend to students this work as an excellent companion in the dissecting room; the directions for dissection of the various parts of the body are clear and concise, and the work altogether is one of much merit. As a rule, we think students make the study of physiology follow anatomy, instead of preceding or accompanying it. The study of anatomy would be greatly facilitated by making the general notions of function precede the dissection of parts. The idea of function would be so associated with all the mechanical structure necessary for its exercise, that the details of the latter would present themselves in regular train. If students were early accustomed to contemplate the ends for which certain arrangements are made, they would be in little danger of forgetting the arrangements themselves.

SEVENTH REGISTRATION REPORT CONCERNING THE VITAL STATISTICS OF MICHIGAN. Henry B. Baker, M.D., Lansing, Michigan.

Nothing is better calculated to advance our knowledge of the great causes of disease, of the circumstances that affect public health, of the means to be taken to improve it, and to force these questions on the Legislature than such reports. Our brethren on the other side of the line have greatly excelled us in the care and attention displayed by the numerous State Boards of Health, in the cultivation of increased knowledge of vital statistics. The report of the Hon. A. Hardy, Secretary of State for Ontario, is greatly in advance of preceding issues, but very much yet remains to be accomplished before the great object in view, practical utility, results. The first step in this direction should be the establishment of a State Board of Health, armed with plenary power for the enforcement of answers to questions framed by medical experts. It is quite evident, from the reports published for years past by the Boards of Massachusetts, Michigan, Virginia, Illinois, and

numerous other States, that far more attention has been given to this important subject than has yet been accorded to it in Canada.

THE POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY.—June No. Published by D Appleton & Co., New York.

We always look forward longingly for the appearance of this valuable periodical, and we are never disappointed in our anticipations as to the merits of the contents. Though it is a publication decidedly identified with the ideas and theories of the *advance* class of scientists, the articles presented in its pages are always characterized by a liberal and gentlemanly tone, and as they are almost entirely divested of learned technicality, they may be pleasantly as well as profitably read by persons of even a moderate degree of scholastic education. The article in the present month's number, by Prof. J. S. Newbury, on "The Geological Survey of the 40th Parallel," is one that must interest every reader who has any love for geological science. The continuation of "John Stuart Mill," by Prof. Alex. Bain, is, as might be expected, both from the writer and his subject, one of very high merit. "Pleased with a Feather," by Prof. Grant Allan, is somewhat more pedantic than instructive. The "Sketch of Julius Robert Mayer," by the editor, (with a portrait) is a lovely gem.

THE STUDENT'S GUIDE TO THE MEDICAL PROFESSION.—By C. B. KEETLY, F.R.C.S. London: McMillan & Co. Toronto: Willing & Williamson.

To recent graduates and students contemplating a sojourn at the British hospitals and schools, we would strongly recommend the above guide, as affording much valuable information with regard to expenses, choice of schools, residence, lectures, honorary hospital appointments, expenses and time required for obtaining degrees at Oxford or Cambridge, and a special chapter for ladies who propose to study medicine, contributed by Mrs. Garrett Anderson, M.D.

Deaths.

In Hamilton, on the 27th of June, J. B. Laing, M.D., in the 67th year of his age.

At Wheatley, Ont., on the 3rd of June, Horatio Mills, M.D., in the 66th year of his age.

On the 15th ult., F. H. Braithwaite, M.D., of Port Perry, Ont.