

# THE CANADA MEDICAL RECORD,

PUBLISHED MONTHLY.

Subscription Price, \$2.00 per annum in advance. Single Copies, 20 cts.

## EDITORS:

A. LAPHORN SMITH, B.A., M.D., M.R.C.S., Eng., F.O.S., London

F. WAYLAND CAMPBELL, M.A., M.D., L.R.C.P., London.

## ASSISTANT EDITOR:

ROLLO CAMPBELL, C.M., M.D

Make all Cheques or P.O. Money Orders for subscription or advertising payable to THE HERALD COMPANY, No. 6 Beaver Hall Hill, Montreal, to whom all business communications should be addressed.

All letters on professional subjects, books for review and exchanges should be addressed to the Editor, P.O. Drawer 1933, Montreal.

Writers of original communications desiring reprints can have them at a trifling cost, by notifying THE HERALD Co. immediately in the acceptance of their article by the Editor.

MONTREAL, DECEMBER, 1889.

## TO OUR READERS.

Intending as we did to allow no ordinary reasons to prevent us from getting THE RECORD out in good time every month between the 15th and 20th, we owe it to ourselves to make the following explanation of the delay last month, that just as we were going to press with the November number the publishing house was partially destroyed by fire, and many of the forms of THE RECORD were knocked into pi (which means the same thing in ordinary parlance as being knocked into a cocked hat.) The composing room had three feet of water in it, and ever since, owing to the mild weather and there being no roof on the building, the rain has been coming in, so that it was with the greatest effort that the November number was got out a little over two weeks late. The same cause will delay this number about a week. After that we hope to have the new roof on, and everything will be done in order as before. Subscriptions would be especially thankfully received just now.

## OPHTHALMOLOGY,

A recent writer on ophthalmology says that many patients treated by gynecologists

for uterine diseases are really cases of hyperphoria or some other kind of squint, and that the proper way to cure the disease of the womb would be to perform a strabismus operation on the eye. This reminds us of a case which came to our knowledge not long ago, of a woman who was suffering from trachoma, for which she had been treated for some time by an oculist without much benefit, and who was said to have been promptly cured by a gynecologist, who performed an operation in the cervix uteri. In both cases perhaps the claim is a little too far fetched, although there is some connection between all the organs of the body through the great sympathetic. But what is more to the purpose is to realize that any causes which are capable of lowering the vitality of the body in general will at the same time make work for all the ologists. No machine, however, is stronger than its weakest part, so the weakest organ is the first to break down.

## TREATMENT OF ACNE.

One of the most sensible articles that we have seen for a long time on the treatment of skin disease is one which appeared in our last issue, taken from the *Medical and Surgical Reporter*, in which Dr. J. H. Fox says that he prefers to treat acne without either arsenic, sulphur ointment or lotions. That the disease is largely of a reflex nature, due especially to disorders of digestion, and is chiefly benefited by diet. If the skin is greasy and the sebaceous glands are the seat of comedones and pustules, they should be evacuated and the skin should be kept clean. Although he formerly used to use many internal remedies, his chief principles of treatment now are the regulation of the diet and the use of local massage, the latter consisting of squeezing out the comedones, emptying the pustules and scraping with a round curette, kneading with the fingers, etc. For our part we would lay a special stress on two things—first, the plentiful use of soap and