

at the house were conducted by the Rev. J. G. Stuart, pastor of Knox Church. The pall-bearers were all physicians of this city. They were Drs. George Clark, David Arnott and Ernest Williams, all of whom were members of the deceased's graduating class; W. J. Tillmann, A. V. Beche, and J. J. Mason, who were students of the Medical College at that time. Some beautiful floral wreaths were laid on the bier by friends, and many telegrams of condolence were received by the bereaved family. There were a large number of relatives and friends in attendance from Stratford, Woodstock, Embro, St. Thomas and other places.

## BOOK REVIEWS.

### DISEASES OF THE EAR.

A Text Book for Practitioners and Students of Medicine by Edward Bradford Dench, Ph.D., M.D., Professor of Diseases of the Ear in the University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College; Aural Surgeon, New York Eye and Ear Infirmary; Consulting Otologist to St. Luke's Hospital; Consulting Otologist to the New York Orthopedic Dispensary and Hospital; Fellow of the American Otological Society; of the New York Academy of Medicine; of the New York Otological Society; of the New York County Medical Society. With 15 plates and 158 illustrations in the text. Third edition, revised and enlarged. New York and London: D. Appleton and Company.

The third edition of this work on otology is considerably better than the previous editions. This is doubtless due to the greater care on the author's part to write fuller and clearer on the operative treatment of chronic suppurative otitis media, and of the various intra cranial complications of middle ear suppurations. In cases of acute middle ear suppurations, Dench is a firm advocate of early operation on the mastoid rather than re-opening the drum head. He says, page 354, "Where the drum head has been once thoroughly incised, and on a later date symptoms of incomplete drainage make their appearance, it is better to open the mastoid at once and to secure free drainage posteriorly than to temporize by resorting to a second myringotomy." While this may suit many cases, it will certainly result in a large number of mastoid operations which might very easily have been avoided. In the treatment of chronic catarrhal otitis media he does not think it advisable to remove small pads of adenoid tissue in people over 30 years of age unless it gives rise to some special disturbance, while in young subjects he advocates operative measures on the *absorption* treatment. This absorption treatment consists in the post-nasal application of silver nitrate, grains 60 to the ounce. Cases of naso-pharyngitis or acute adenoiditis will doubtless be relieved by this agent, but more pleasantly, however, by argyrol. That it is ever desirable to take this very slow