

or any other part of the excellent medical course at Johns Hopkins.

Dr. Cushing is a brilliant and original worker in the surgical field. No one who has attended even his didactic lectures on surgery could well avoid profiting by his enthusiastic and able teaching. Ambidextrous at the blackboard as well as at the operating table, Dr. Cushing teaches there like a master, and has before now taught new things to the profession as well as to his students.

Veterinary medicine and surgery should certainly profit by this new departure, and our general knowledge may also be enlarged.

---

## NOTES.

---

### The Blue Book of the Empire.

A great achievement about which little has been said is the new Blue-book containing a census—or rather a summary and digest of all the census returns—for the British Empire. It is interesting enough to justify the remark of the *Birmingham Daily Post* that it might be called the “Romance of a Nation.”

This is the first time that this Blue-book has been issued, and the documents on which it is based range from the smallest, a pamphlet of ten pages, which is the census of the Falkland Islands, 2,253 inhabitants, to the sixty volumes containing a mass of information about India, dealing with 295,000,000 people, who speak 147 different languages.

In the last forty years the territory of the Empire has increased nearly one-half, and is now one-fifth of the land surface of the earth. Its population is now about 400,000,000, 300,000,000 in Asia, 43,000,000 in Africa, 42,000,000 in Europe, 7,500,000 in America and 5,000,000 in Australasia. As it lies before us this Blue-book is smaller than most, but to any enlightened citizen of the Empire few Blue-books are more valuable. We have naturally been most interested in pages to which no great allusion has been made in the public press. The birth-rate, the death-rate, the proportion of men