

A TRIBUTE TO SIR MORRELL MACKENZIE.—

At a meeting of workmen of Potsdam and Charlottenburg, says the *Med. Reg.*, held on Ascension Day, while they were enjoying an excursion, a resolution was adopted and forwarded to Dr. Mackenzie, thanking him for his loving devotion at the sick-bed of the Emperor, and assuring him that the value of his services could not be "diminished by any shameless persecution." Dr. Mackenzie was delighted with this tribute.

WASP'S NESTS.—The nests of these pests are said to take fire spontaneously. This may be due to the chemical action of the wax upon the material of which the nests are composed. This may account for the origin of fires in buildings and stacks which would be otherwise unaccountable.

FOR HEADACHE.—Stephen Mackenzie says that half grain doses of cannabis indica, morning and evening is the most efficient remedy he knows for persistent headache. Santonin in doses of ten grains two or three nights in succession is said to correct amenorrhœa.

MR. SAVORY has been elected for the fourth time as President of the College of Surgeons of England, with Messrs. Hulke and Heath, Vice-Presidents.

DR. G. STERLING RYERSON, of this city, has resumed his practice, after a three months' sojourn at some of the most noted hospitals of Europe.

### Books and Pamphlets.

PTOMAINES AND LEUCOMAINES ; or the Putrefactive and Physiological Alkaloids. By C. Vaughan, Ph.D., M.D., Professor of Hygiene, etc., in the University of Michigan ; and Frederick G. Ncwy, M.S., Instructor in Physiological Chemistry in the University of Michigan. Philadelphia : Lea Brothers & Co. Toronto : W. J. Gage & Co. 1888. pp. 316.

The study of the basic substances formed during the putrefaction of organic substances, and those produced by normal changes in the tissues of the living organism, is of recent date. Little was known of this portion of the field of chemistry up till ten or fifteen years ago, so that a knowledge of such chemical processes is but rare, except among those whose avocation or specialty requires

them to keep continually on the alert for new things in science. The number of investigators who have given their whole time and attention to this department of chemistry is large, and great progress has been made in it, and much light thrown upon physio-chemical processes occurring within and without the body, which have heretofore been considered problems in medical science. The writers of this book have carefully collected and arranged all the facts known concerning ptomaines and leucomaines up to the present year (1888). The book is very readable, and we bespeak for it a ready sale. To the physician, especially, it will carry light regarding the physiological alkaloids, while the surgeon will find concisely, yet comprehensively treated, in its pages all that is known concerning the putrefactive alkaloids. We heartily recommend the work to every practitioner, knowing that his money and time will be spent in acquiring a knowledge of what is contained in its pages.

A CLINICAL ATLAS OF VENEREAL AND SKIN DISEASES ; including Diagnosis, Prognosis and Treatment. By Robert W. Taylor, A.M., M.D., Surgeon to the Charity Hospital, New York, etc., etc. Illustrated with one hundred and ninety-two figures, and fifty-eight colored plates ; as also by numerous engravings through the text. Philadelphia : Lea Bros. & Co. Toronto : Carveth & Co. 1888.

We have received the first two parts of this work and have been highly pleased with both the plates and engravings, and the letter press. The work so far as published should prove invaluable as a guide to the practitioner. The diagnosis of the various diseases of the skin, which are the *bête noir* of nearly ever medical man, except the specialist, has been amplified and perfected. Ætiology has been thoroughly investigated, and treatment simplified. The work of the artist is deserving of all commendation, presenting the various forms and stages of the diseases under consideration with extreme fidelity. Numerous formulæ scattered through the text will be of great value to the general practitioner.

The work is to be completed in eight folio parts, containing 192 figures, 65 engravings and about 400 pages of text. It is sold by subscription only. Two parts to be issued every two months. Price, per part, \$2.50.