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PERSONALS.

The following gentlemen were elected to office at the meeting of the Nova Scotia Medical Society :—President, Dr. C. J. Fox, Pubnico, N. S. ; 1st Vice-President, Dr. R. A. H. McKeen, Cow Bay, C. B. ; 2nd Vice-President, Dr. H. A. March, Bridgewater, N. S. ; Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. W. S. Muir, Truro, N. S.

Dr. G. Sterling Ryerson, M.P.P., Surgeon of the Royal Grenadiers, has been appointed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, with the sanction of H. M. the Queen, an Honorary Associate of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. Dr. Ryerson is the first Canadian on the list and is to be congratulated upon this well-earned distinction. Among the prominent men who have been thus honored we notice the names of Baron V. Esmarch, Sir Henry Acland, Sir James Paget and Surgeon Parke (of Stanley fame).

The officers elected for the ensuing year at the meeting of the Maritime Medical Association, held at Charlottetown, P.E.I., July 12th and 13th, were :—Dr. Thomas Walker, St John, President ; Dr. Coburn, Fredericton, Vice-President for New Brunswick ; Dr. D. A. Campbell, Halifax, Vice-President for Nova Scotia ; Dr. F. D. Beer, Charlottetown, Vice-President for P. E. Island ; Dr. G. M. Campbell, Halifax, Secretary ; Dr. G. E. Dewitt, Wolfville, Treasurer (re-elected) ; Executive Committee, Drs. Emery, P. R. Inches, Murray, McLaren, Wm. Christie, and Dr. Walker.

BOOK NOTICES.

DUNGLISON'S NEW PRONOUNCING MEDICAL DICTIONARY. A new edition of Dunglison's Medical Dictionary is announced as in press for early publication. It has been

thoroughly revised and greatly enlarged, and will contain about forty-four thousand new medical words and phrases. Pronunciation has been introduced into the new edition by means of a simple phonetic spelling. This work has always been noted for the fullness of its definitions, ample explanation being its distinguishing characteristic. In the new edition much encyclopædic information, difficult of access elsewhere, will be found conveniently at hand. Especial attention has been devoted to matters of practical value. A review will appear in an early issue.

BIBLIOTHÈQUE GÉNÉRALE de MÉDECINE DE LA CATARACTE. Corticale vulgaire, dite cataracte spontanée ou sénile, historique, causes, prophylaxie et traitement médical. Par le Docteur A. Ferret, ancien chirurgien de l'Hôpital de Meaux et de la Clinique Nationale Ophthalmologique, des Quinze-Vingts de Paris. Paris : Société d'Éditions Scientifiques, Place de l'École de Médecine, 4 rue Antoine-Dubois. 1893.

Un volume in-8 de 136 pages, prix 5 francs. Envoi franco contre un mandat de 5 francs adressé à M. le Directeur de la Société d'Éditions Scientifiques, 4 rue Antoine-Dubois, Place de l'École de Médecine, à Paris. L'ouvrage débute par un historique de la question de la Cataracte, qui présentera certainement de l'intérêt pour le lecteur, et lui ménage même quelque surprise, ne serait-ce qu'en lui apprenant que l'opération de la cataracte par extraction était connue des médecins de l'Inde d'il y a 3000 ans. Puis, l'auteur entre dans l'exposé des observations qui l'ont conduit à reconnaître que la cataracte corticale commune, dite cataracte spontanée ou sénile, est la conséquence d'une toxémie particulière, qui est, le plus souvent, d'origine alimentaire ; et qu'il est facile de prévenir cette maladie et de la guérir, grâce à un ensemble de prescriptions hygiéniques très simples. Si nous ajoutons que la forme de Cataracte dont il s'agit est celle qui est de beaucoup la plus fréquente, puisqu'elle entre dans le chiffre total des cataractes pour une proportion de 60 à 70 par cent, il sera inutile d'insister pour faire ressortir la grande importance pratique de ces observations.

SCIATICA. A record of clinical observations on the causes, nature and treatment of sixty-eight cases. By A. Symons Eccles, M.B. Aberd., Member Royal College Surgeons, England ; Fellow Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society of London ; Vice-President West London Medico-Chirurgical Society ; Member Neurological Society of London, etc. London, MacMillan & Co., and New York, 1893. Price 3s. 6d.

LES KOLAS AFRICAINS. Monographie botanique, chimique, thérapeutique et pharmacologique (Emploi stratégique et alimentaire : commerce). Par le Docteur