

fact that it is impossible to study the exact nature of the blood within the living blood vessels is an obstacle in the way of our investigations; the importance of the subject, however, cannot be over-estimated; we know part of the truth, but further investigation is demanded.

*A Compend of Human Physiology.* By Albert P. Brubaker, A.M., M.D., Demonstrator of Physiology in the Jefferson Medical College, etc. Fifth Edition, Revised and Enlarged. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co.

The series of "quiz compends" has become widely known. The fact that a fifth edition of this little volume has been called for, indicates that it has been of service in the past, and its popularity will no doubt be maintained.

*Annual of the Universal Medical Sciences.* A Yearly Report of the Progress of the General Sanitary Sciences throughout the world. Edited by Charles E. Sajous, M.D., lecturer on Laryngology and Rhinology in Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and seventy associate editors. Issue of 1889, Volumes iii. and iv. F. A. Davis, Philadelphia, New York and London.

These valuable publications, which appear annually, prove of great service to the practitioner who wishes to keep abreast of the medical literature of the day. We know of no work which affords as much reliable information in such a concise and readily accessible form. The contents of volume iii. are devoted to surgery; the first article is an important contribution by Professor Senn, of Milwaukee, on the surgery of the brain and nerves. In the section devoted to antiseptics we find no reference to the introduction of the double cyanide of mercury and zinc as a new antiseptic; the value of this substance was brought to the notice of the profession by Sir Joseph Lister in an address published in the *Lancet*, 1889, Vol. ii., p. 943.

Volume iv. contains a very complete account of the contributions to our knowledge in diseases of the skin and syphilis, and diseases of the eye, ear, nose, pharynx and larynx. Sections are also devoted to legal medicine; examination for life insurance; diseases of the blood and spleen; and diseases of the thyroid gland. The last article in the volume is a useful contribution

on the subject of urinalysis by Professor Tyson and Dr. Allen J. Smith.

The publishers of these volumes deserve credit for the manner in which they have done their work, the volumes are neat, well printed, and copiously illustrated. The vast amount of information contained in them will be of great value to the medical practitioner.

## Personal.

DR. H. NEWELL MARTIN, of Johns Hopkins University, has been elected President of the American Society of Naturalists.

MISS GORDON, a graduate of the Toronto General Hospital Training School for Nurses, has been appointed matron of the Belleville hospital.

DR. T. P. WEIR, (Tor., 1888), has been appointed an assistant physician in the Toronto Asylum for the Insane, in the place of Dr. Canc, who resigned.

## Births, Marriages and Deaths.

### BIRTHS.

WRIGHT.—At 279 Sparks street, Ottawa, on Friday, the 27th of February, inst., the wife of Dr. Henry P. Wright, of a daughter.

### DEATHS.

MOORE.—On Thursday, February 6th, 1890, at the residence of his father-in-law, R. S. Williams, Esq., corner of Wellesley and Sherbourne streets, Wm. Moore, M.D., in the 33rd year of his age.

Dr. Gordon W. A. Ross, of Embro, died Feb. 5th, from congestion of the lungs, resulting from an attack of influenza.

WE regret that through some misunderstanding between our proofreaders and the compositors, certain articles in our last issue appeared in a form not the most intelligible.