

long the time greatly beyond what was then anticipated as possible.

In future the JOURNAL will be published by G. C. Patterson & Co., No. 4 Adelaide Street West, Toronto. The editorship will continue to be under precisely the same management and control as heretofore: that is, under my own sole. I need hardly say that I shall strenuously endeavor to do justice to the important subjects of which the JOURNAL treats, and therefore to its readers, which heretofore, chiefly owing to the many duties in connection with its publication, I have been unable to do.

The JOURNAL has accomplished its great and chief object so far as this Province is concerned—awakened such interest in the public health question that sanitary legislation and a Provincial Board of Health has resulted, and with this it has opened a wider field for itself, and, it is hoped, created a greater demand for a publication of this kind.

I am quite cognizant of the fact that there have been in the JOURNAL in the past many defects, but the many very flattering notices by the press and by members of the profession lead me to believe it has been notwithstanding worthy of support, and in conclusion, while cordially greeting all its "old" readers, and hoping to become acquainted with many "new" ones, I can only say I shall do my best in the future to make it both instructive and interesting to an intelligent public.

THE TURKISH BATH.—Dr. George Logan, of Ottawa, has been enlightening the people of that city on the Turkish bath, by means of papers in the Free Press. The doctor has a very complete establishment in Ottawa for administering this health-giving luxury. Through his courtesy we have had the pleasure of visiting all the different compartments in it. Dr. Logan says, what we fully believe to be true, that "in a hygienic sense the bath is one of the greatest luxuries of the age, and is a pre-

ventive of disease;" and that "the objections commonly raised against the bath . . . are founded on the absence of a knowledge of its real nature."

THE TYPHOID EPIDEMIC IN TORONTO.—All the evidence made public in reference to this Epidemic but confirms what has been from time to time stated in this JOURNAL to be the chief cause of typhoid fever in the city, namely the accumulations within its limits of human excreta in the ten or twelve thousand privy vaults. It is our intention to refer to this subject again and more at length on another occasion.

DR. F. R. DUPUIS, of Kingston, has been by way of a practical paper read after the holidays, enlightening the teachers of that locality in the very important subject of hygiene, especially as relates to the school. This is just the sort of work which will teach people to preserve their health, which will prevent sickness, and prolong life. We are pleased to hear, much more frequently than we did two or three years ago, of papers of this sort, and we trust the frequency will soon increase to a much greater extent.

TWO VERY STRANGE BOOKS.—We have received for review two strange religious-scientific works, of which we shall endeavour to make a more thorough and careful examination before our next issue, giving our readers the benefit of the same.

One of them is called "The Problem of Human Life," a book of over 500 pages, 8vo. The author, A. Wilford Hall, argues that the soul is highly attenuated matter, and that sound and light are, like odors, of the same character. The book is of a rather startling character, and ridicules the wave theory of sound and the theory of spontaneous generation and evolution, propounded by Haeckel, and in a somewhat modified form by Darwin.

The other book, much smaller, is upon the "The Soul and Resurrection," by Dr.