

plete. The arrangement is good, the book being divided into eight parts; each part into several sections, and each section into several chapters. This is especially useful to the student, who can thus obtain a comprehensive grasp of the whole subject. We have tried in vain to find something that has been omitted; the only improvement that we could suggest being that measurement would be expressed in inches, as it seems hopeless ever to obtain the adoption of the metre system of measurement into English-speaking countries. We have no hesitation in saying that this is the most thorough of all the modern text books on midwifery, and we recommend it to our readers.

EFFERVESCENT SALTS.

There are many late achievements in pharmacy making the life of the physician very much more pleasant not only to himself, but also to his patients. In this line the "Granular Effervescent Salts" take high rank for "beauty," agreeableness and value as therapeutic agents. Being attractive to the eye, generally pleasant to taste, and agreeable to the most delicate stomach, they have a strong backing for commendation.

I wish especially to call attention to a few of these elegant preparations, those which have been constant fixtures in my office out-fit for daily use for the past four or five years.

Effervescent Bromo Soda. (W. R. Warner & Co.) This is a combination of caffeine gr. i. and bromide sodium grs. xxx. After its use personally for several years, and prescribing it in a large number of cases, I must be pardoned if I speak enthusiastically of it in nervous headache. This difficulty being so often met with, a prompt, pleasant and effectual remedy is a boon indeed. This the physician has in Bromo Soda. A nervous headache, resulting from overwork, study, worry, debility, etc., from one to three doses of Bromo Soda will in a very short time put new life and vigor in the sufferer.

From personal experience I can speak of this agent in the most positive terms. And that is, its almost magic effects after it has been necessary to use an opiate for some time, until that peculiar disagreeable sensation, so often felt in the brain, is produced. A dose of Bromo Soda drives this sensation from the brain almost as rapidly as the sun will a "fog" from dark places. The sensation to the patient reminds him of a mist disappearing at the approach of sunlight. The head is left as "clear as a bell" in a few minutes.

A teaspoonful in half a glass of sweetened water, drank at once, is a very grateful, sparkling drink.

Granular Effervescent Citrate of Magnesia is another preparation for superior worth. Far superior to the usual liquid form.

"Crab Orchard Salt," an exact analysis of the Crab Orchard Spring, producing the effect of that valuable agent.

Messrs. W. R. Warner & Co. have presented to the profession a long list of "Effervescent Salts," many of them of superior value as therapeutic preparations.—*Medical Free Press.*

DR. G. W. PICKERILL.

PERSONAL.

Dr. Sloan, of Blythe, Ont., is a candidate for the division of Malahide and Tecumseh in the Ontario council. A personal acquaintance of about twenty years with Dr. Sloan satisfies us that it would be impossible to secure a more painstaking or reliable representative.

Dr. Elliott (M.D., Bishop's, 1889), has just returned from a year's sojourn in Europe. He has not yet definitely selected a location.

Dr. F. J. Austin, Assessor for McGill Medical Faculty, from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Quebec, was in Montreal attending to the duties of his office the end of March.

Dr. C. C. K. Vidal, M.D., C.M., Bishop's, 1890, has been elected one of the resident staff of the Montreal General Hospital. We especially congratulate the governors on this appointment, for the reason that it is an evidence of their conviction that it is not to the interest of the institution to give a monopoly of the appointments to it to the graduates of any particular school. If they will apply this new principle to the filling of future vacancies to the visiting staff, we feel sure that the service of the charity will be immensely improved.

Dr. Laphorn Smith has been elected Foreign Corresponding Member of the Société de Médecine Pratique de Paris.

It is an open secret that the youngest professor of Bishop's Collège is about to become a Benedict, his fiancé being one of the belles of Montreal and a member of one of the leading families. We congratulate our *confrere* on his courage and success, and the young lady on her good fortune.

Dr. Vidal, who has filled the position of House Surgeon to the Western Hospital with great acceptability to the staff has resigned, in order to start in life for himself. We feel sure that his gentlemanly manners and thorough knowledge of his work will soon gain for him a leading position in the profession. We wish him all success.

Messrs. J. Y. Gilmour & Co., of 354 St. Paul St., Montreal, offer special low rates to physicians contemplating being present at the International Medical Congress at Berlin, which is to take place on the 4th of August, 1890, to which we publish an invitation in another column.