

of August. It is the organ of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, which has generously arranged to have it supplied free of charge to every medical practitioner in Ontario. It will be under the editorial and business management of Dr. Rowland B. Orr, who has our cordial sympathy in the task which lies before him. We wish our young contemporary every possible success.

THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Will hold its Eighteenth Annual Session at Cincinnati, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Oct. 12th, 13th and 14th, 1892. An excellent programme, containing the best names in the Valley and covering the entire field of medicine, will be presented. An address on Surgery will be delivered by Dr. Hunter McGuire, of Richmond, Va., President of the American Medical Association. An address on Medicine will be made by Dr. Hobart Amory Hare, Professor of Therapeutics and Clinical Medicine, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. The social as well as the scientific part of the meeting will be of the highest order.

The Mississippi Valley Medical Association possesses one great advantage over similar bodies, in that its organic law is such that nothing can be discussed during the sessions save and except science. All ethical matters are referred, together with all extraordinary business, to appropriate committees—their decisions are final and are accepted without discussion. The constitution and by-laws are comprehensive and at the same time simple. Precious time is not allowed the demagogue or the medical legislator. The officers of the Pan-American Medical Congress will hold a conference at the same time and place.

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Cincinnati, President.

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Cincinnati, Secretary.

BOOK NOTICES:

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., and seventy associate editors, assisted by over two hundred corresponding editors, collaborators, and correspondents. Illustrated with Chromo-Lithographs, Engravings and Maps. Volume I. 1892. The F. A. Davis Company, publishers, Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, and London. Australian Agency: Melbourne, Victoria.

It is with feelings of greater wonder and admiration than ever that we once more receive this monumental work for review. Since the notice of last year's volumes was printed in these columns we have had the opinion we then expressed endorsed by many of our readers, who, at our suggestion, ordered the Annual, and who have told us that they had never received better value for their money.

No one man could possibly read one thousand and twenty-seven medical periodicals, many of them appearing weekly; but by taking the Annual he can find out all that has been written in that number of journals during the past year. If he is particularly interested in any particular journal article, he can find exactly the date and the name of the publication in which the article appeared. A single paragraph, for instance, giving the latest treatment of, say, pneumonia, will contain as many as fifteen names, each with a number and a date after it. By referring to the key at the end of each volume you will find that each of these writers has written articles on that particular treatment during the past year in one of those ten hundred and twenty seven journals, or in one of the one hundred and sixty-six books. No less than seventy of the leading writers of America and Europe are associated with the editor-in-chief, Dr. Sajous. We almost wonder how any monetary consideration which the publishers could afford would induce men whose time must be already taken up with their enormous practices to undertake such a laborious task. It matters not, however, how their services are obtained, the fact is there that these hundreds of elaborate articles have been prepared, and are furnished in these five volumes for the very moderate price of fifteen dollars. We hardly know which to admire the more, the devoted labor of the editorial staff or the business enterprise and faith of the publishers in under taking the publication of so costly a work.

We may conclude our notice with these few words from the editor's preface:—

It is with a feeling of great satisfaction that the editor has the honor of presenting the fifth series of the *Annual* to the medical profession. Thanks to the devotion of the members of the