

BEWARE OF GAS.—The last number of the *Lancet* reports the death of a surgeon in Manchester who inhaled gas for the purpose of having teeth extracted. The patient insisted on having the gas given to produce its full effect. When the operation was completed it was found impossible to rouse him. The *post mortem* showed fatty degeneration and valvular disease of the heart.

APPOINTMENTS.—J. Mahaffy, M. D. of Clarks-ville, to be an Associate Coroner for the County of Simcoe. Dr. Wm. McNaughton Jones has been appointed Medical Superintendent of the British Columbia Insane Asylum. Dr. J. D. Bryant has been appointed lecturer on Anatomy in Bellevue Hospital Medical College, in place of Prof. A. B. Crosby, deceased. J. S. McCallum, M.D., of Smith's Falls, to be an Associate Coroner for the County of Lanark.

PERSONAL.—Dr. G. S. Ryerson, of Trinity Medical School has been appointed house surgeon of the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, Moor-fields. He is also clinical assistant at the Central London Throat and Ear Hospital, Gray's Inn Road.

INTRODUCTORY LECTURES OF THE MEDICAL SCHOOLS.—The introductory Lecture of the Medical Faculty of McGill College, Montreal, was delivered by Prof. Osler; Bishop's College, by Prof. Kollmyer, and Trinity Medical College, Toronto, by Prof. Kennedy.

VITAL STATISTICS.—The number of births, deaths, and marriages registered in Toronto during the month of September, are as follows: births, 178; deaths, 162; marriages, 96.

Books and Pamphlets.

AIKEN AS A HEALTH STATION, by W. H. Geddings, M.D., Aiken, S. C.: Walker, Evans & Cogswell.

SOME GENERAL IDEAS CONCERNING MEDICAL REFORM, by David Hunt, M.D.: Boston: A. Williams & Co.

EXCISION OF THE LOWER END OF THE RECTUM IN CASES OF CANCER, by John B. Roberts, M.D., Philadelphia: Sherman & Co.

CO-PULENCE TREATED WITHOUT STARVATION, OR, HOW TO GET THIN, by M. M. Griffin, M.D., Parsons, Luzerne County, Pa.

THE USE OF OBSTETRIC FORCEPS IN ABBREVIATED THE SECOND STAGE OF LABOR, by Edward Dunster, M.D., Ann Arbor Medical College.

PATHOLOGY AND TREATMENT OF SPRAINS, Richard O. Cowling, A.M., M.D., Prof. of Operative Surgery, University of Louisville: J. P. Morton & Co.

ON THE USE OF LARGE PROBES IN THE TREATMENT OF STRICTURES OF THE NASAL DUCT, by Samuel Theobald, M.D., Baltimore Eye and Ear Dispensary; Faculty of Maryland, 1877.

THE MEDICAL INTELLIGENCER, containing a list of new books, and a classified list of other works. Also a condensed classified list for the poet. (Free.) Philadelphia: Lindsay & Blakiston.

PRACTICAL HINTS ON THE SELECTION AND USE OF THE MICROSCOPE, for beginners, John Phin, Editor of the American Journal of Microscopy. Second edition, illustrated and enlarged. New York: Industrial Publication Co.

This is a small but very useful and practical book, wholly intended for beginners. It gives a full description of the various parts of the microscope and their uses, together with information regard to the preparation and mounting of specimens, dry and moist. The work is an almost indispensable accompaniment of the microscope and should be in the hands of all who are commencing their microscopical studies.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

In Toronto on the 8th ult., the wife of Dr. Burns, of a son.

In Toronto on the 9th ult., the wife of Dr. T. Fisher, of a daughter.

At Embro, Fitzgerald Sutherland, M. D. Norwich, to Jean eldest daughter of D. Matheson, Esq.

On the 18th ult., by the Rev. G. G. McKillop of Tilsonburgh, (brother-in-law of the bride) H. Newton, M. D., to Helen, fifth daughter of Robert Thomson, Esq., Port Stanley.

* The charge for notice of Births, Marriages and Deaths is fifty cents, which should be forwarded in postage with the communication.