

Hospital. A solution of 20 grains to the ounce, prepared for washing out the bladder was inadvertently administered internally. The patient died in about an hour.

THE LATE DR. ROBERT P. HOWARD.—We regret to notice, just as we are going to press, the death of Dr. Robert P. Howard, Dean of the Medical Faculty of McGill University, Montreal. We desire to express our deepest sympathy with his sorrowing friends.

DRAKE'S PHARMACEUTICAL JOKE.—It is said that Drake, when the ships of the Armada turned their tails, sent to Elizabeth the word "Cantharides"—that is, "The Spanish fly."—*Ex.*

ERROR.—We wish to call attention to an error, occurring at p 222, March issue of CANADA LANCET. In the prescription for chorea, the second line should read gr. j, not gr. iv.

DEATH OF JOHN C. DALTON, M.D., LL.D.

This eminent man died on Tuesday, 16th Feb., at the age of sixty-four. He had been suffering for some months from renal trouble. Born at Chelmsford, Mass., he was educated at Harvard, where he graduated in medicine in 1847. He held at different periods of his life the professorship of physiology in the University of Buffalo, the University of Vermont, and in the Long Island College Hospital. He served as Surgeon during a great portion of the late civil war. At the time of his death he was President of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York. Dr. Dalton was not a practising physician, but was ever to the front in the discussion of scientific medicine, and in touch with the views of the active members of the profession. His fame rests upon his skill as a teacher of physiology, in which he is said to have been almost unrivalled. He has contributed many monographs to medical literature, but his best known work is his text-book on human physiology, which has made his name a household word among physicians the world over. He was a warm friend and will be mourned by many to whom he had endeared himself by his manifold good qualities of heart and brain.

Books and Pamphlets.

THE MEDICAL ANNUAL, 1889. A complete work of reference for Medical Practitioners. Bristol, England: John Wright & Co. Sole agents for Canada, J. A. Carveth & Co., Toronto. Price \$2.50.

This small work, prepared in dictionary form, will prove of great service to practitioners as a book of ready reference. In it the practitioner can find the newest views, especially as to treatment, in almost every disease, and briefly tabulated reliable results of the use of more modern therapeutic agents. It is excellent in its numerous suggestions and valuable as a reference handbook.

THE OPERATIONS OF SURGERY. A Systematic Handbook for Practitioners, Students and Hospital Surgeons. By W. H. A. Jacobson, F.R.C.S., Assistant-Surgeon Guy's Hospital, etc.; with 199 illustrations. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston Son & Co. Toronto: J. A. Carveth & Co. Price \$5.

This is a very able treatise on operative surgery, and the illustrations are excellent. Of especial interest are the chapters devoted to injuries of head, to cerebral localization and operations in connection with injury to the head. The methods ordinarily resorted to in ligature of vessels, are taken up with much minuteness and care; indeed, all operations performable, are ably dealt with, as they pertain to particular regions. And as a work to which the practitioner can refer quickly for the details of an operation, it excels anything yet to hand.

EXPLORATION OF THE CHEST IN HEALTH AND DISEASE, by Stephen Smith Burt, M.D., Professor of Clinical Medicine and Physical Diagnosis in the New York Post Graduate Medical School and Hospital, etc., etc., pp. 206, cloth. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Toronto: Carveth & Co., 1889.

This is a well written book, concise and yet comprehensive. It embodies the methods pursued by Dr. Burt in his classes, and will be of great use to the student, as well as to the practitioner who has become rusty in the exact methods of conducting physical examinations. His explanations are clear. One extremely good feature of the book is the definiteness with which he locates the viscera and gives their normal relations to the parietes, as also the physical signs which can be developed in the normal chest.