

**THE NEW LOCAL ANÆSTHETIC.**—The new local anæsthetic, cocaine hydrochlorate, recently discovered in Germany, is giving most astonishing and satisfactory results in the hands of specialists, as reported in the *N. Y. Medical Record*. Drs. Noyes, Agnew, Moore and Minor all speak in enthusiastic terms of its value. A few drops of a two per cent. solution is dropped in the eye three or four times at intervals during a period of fifteen minutes. The effect is to produce such profound local anæsthesia as to permit of operations, such as division of the recti muscles, being done without the patient complaining or showing any signs of pain. The new remedy is the reigning sensation in New York among specialists.

**STAMP CANCELLATION.**—We learn from the *Daily Star* that Dr. Griffin, of Montreal, has invented an instrument for cancelling postage stamps. It is stated that the loss to the governments of Canada and the United States through inefficient stamp cancellation, ranges from \$10,000 to \$50,000 respectively. The instrument will be tested in the Montreal post office, and if found satisfactory will be adopted generally. The instrument cuts a piece out of the stamp, but does not go through the envelope.

**THE BRITISH CHOLERA COMMISSION.**—The Commission, of which Dr. Klein is the principal, are busily prosecuting the work in Bombay, and have made experiments with the microbes which led them to doubt the infectious nature of Koch's cholera microbe. Dr. Klein has shown his contempt for the microbe theory by swallowing a number of so-called cholera bacilli without any ill-effects.

**COMPLIMENTARY DINNER.**—The medical profession of Montreal gave a complimentary dinner to Dr. Osler prior to his departure for Philadelphia. The chair was taken by Dr. R. P. Howard, and about fifty members were present, all of whom united in wishing their guest abundant success and prosperity in his new sphere of labor.

**MUNIFICENT DONATION.**—A donation of half a million dollars has been given to the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, by Wm. H. Vanderbilt. This is an example of generous and public-spirited liberality which is worthy of the highest commendation. It is to be hoped that it is only the beginning of good things in store.

## Books and Pamphlets.

**THE LAND OF BURNS, and other Pen and Ink Portraits.** By J. Campbell, M.D., Seaforth, Ont.

This interesting work by Dr. Campbell will be issued from the press in a few weeks, and the profession will, we are sure, be pleased to patronize it. The subject is an inviting one, and the author is quite competent to make it entertaining. We bespeak for the author and the work the kind consideration and patronage of the profession in Canada.

**HOOPER'S PHYSICIAN'S VADE MECUM;** with an Outline of General Pathology, Therapeutics and Hygiene. 10th edition. Revised by William Augustus Guy, M.B., Cantab, and John Harley, M.D., London, F.L.S. New York: Wm. Wood & Co.

The original work of Dr. Hooper, published as far back as 1823, has been such a great favourite with the profession, that every few years the proprietors of the original copyright have placed it in the hands of successive editors, by whom it has been brought down to the present level of the various subjects treated on. The work, as now presented to the profession, may be recommended as a useful reference to all items of information in clinical medicine, to both student and practitioner. Both volumes are largely illustrated by wood engravings, and an extensive collection of formulæ, preceded by classified lists of the British Pharmacopœia, with their doses, is added.

**MATERIA MEDICA AND THERAPEUTICS.** By Mitchell Bruce, M.A., M.D., London. Philadelphia: H. C. Lea's Son & Co.

This hand book is one of the very best of an excellent series. It is new, condensed and eminently practical in its character. It is divided into three parts: I. The inorganic. II. The organic materia medica. III. General therapeutics. This book, small in size, but large in the amount of information it contains, is sure to have a large sale.

## Births, Marriages and Deaths.

On the 15th ult., J. E. Brouse, M.D., of Brockville, Ont., to Amelia Mary, only daughter of P. L. Allen, Esq., of Hamilton, Ont.

On the 28th ult., the beloved wife of Dr. J. Fulton, editor of the CANADA LANCET, Toronto, aged 40 years.

On the 1st ult., Dr. J. A. Aikman, of Ingersoll, Ont.

On the 21st ult., Dr. J. S. Diamond, of Toronto, aged 45 years.