

children. In this disease, owing to the great impairment of the vital forces, and feeble powers of the digestive tract, food frequently irritates and increases the difficulty. For such cases we know of no agent in the *Materia Medica* as reliable as Lactopeptine.

PERSONAL.

Dr. Ebbitts, for nearly a year past one of the Resident Assistant Surgeons at the Montreal General Hospital, has received the appointment of Medical Superintendent of the Winnipeg General Hospital, and left the middle of January to enter upon his duties.

Dr. Peter McLaren (M.D., McGill, 1872) was in Montreal the first week in January. Dr McLaren still is located at Ormstown, P.Q.

Dr. Wells of Quebec has been appointed by the Local Government a member of the Central Board of Health, in the place of Dr. Marsden, deceased.

Dr. J. B. Lawford (M.D., McGill, 1879) passed in November last the final examination for the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Dr. Wm. Stephen (M.D., McGill, 1882) has left Montreal to practice in Rosana, Argentine Republic.

Dr. Chandler (M.D., Bishop's, 1880, and Gold Medalist) is a rapidly-rising Ophthalmic Surgeon in Boston, Mass., U. S.

Dr. Heber Bishop (M.D., Bishop's, 1883) is practising in Boston, U. S. His address is Hoffman House.

Dr. Gustin, one of the Resident Assistants at the Montreal General Hospital, has resigned and left for the Western States.

Dr. Robertson and Dr. Corson have been appointed Resident Assistants at the Montreal General Hospital.

REVIEWS.

A Reference Hand-Book of the Medical Science: Being a complete and convenient work of reference for information upon topics belonging to the entire range of scientific and practical medicine, and consisting of a series of concise essays and brief paragraphs arranged in the alphabetical order of the topics of which they treat, prepared by writers who are experts in their respective departments. Illustrated by chromo-lithographs and fine wood engravings. Edited by ALBERT H. BUCK, M.D., New York

City. Vol. I. New York: William Wood & Co., 1885.

This is the first volume of a series of eight, which is to comprise the set, and a very large and well-stocked book it is of over eight hundred pages. It is gotten up in the style of an Encyclopedia, and the title-page, which we have given in full, gives a very excellent idea of the character of the work. The undertaking is a gigantic one, and the Editor has a heavy task before him, of which he gives good evidence in the present volume of being well able to deal. We have read carefully a few of the principal articles, and are pleased with the style and the conciseness with which important material facts are given. Some may possibly think that some things might with advantage have been omitted—but, upon the whole, the bulk of the contents are entitled to a place in such a book. The engravings are very fine, the chromo-lithographs (several in number) beautiful, the type clear, the paper and the printing not to be excelled. The fact that several Canadian writers contribute to this, and are to contribute to subsequent volumes, will perhaps give it more than usual interest to the bulk of the profession in the Dominion, while to some the fact that they have nearly all been selected from Montreal will not be a point which will commend it to their favor. Personally, we think the Publishers, have made a mistake in not securing the services of men from various parts of the Dominion. Montreal has medical talent and good writers beyond doubt, but when the writers selected in the United States are from so many varied points, it was a mistake to make one city in Canada the source from which to draw its Canadian material.

A Treatise on Diphtheria Historically and Practically Considered, Including Croup and Tracheotomy. By A. SAUNÉ, Docteur en Médecin Ancien des Hôpitaux de Paris, Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur, etc., etc., translated, annotated and the Surgical Anatomy added, with a full-page colored plate and thirty-six illustrations by Henry Z. Gill, A.M., M.D., LL.D., Professor of Operative and Clinical Surgery in the Medical Department of the University of Worcester, Cleveland, Ohio.

The firm of J. H. Chambers & Co., of St. Louis, Mo., have the above work in press, and will in a few weeks issue it to the profession. We have reason to believe it will be a valuable addition to our literature of these subjects.