

A PETITION for the placing of Medical and Surgical Instruments and appliances upon the free list, was forwarded last week to the Minister of Customs, on behalf of the Ontario Medical Association.

DEATH OF MRS. W. B. GEIKIE.

In the midst of her family, with nothing left undone that thoughtful care and affection could suggest to soothe her dying moments, Mrs. W. B. Geikie, the beloved wife of Dr. W. B. Geikie, Dean of the Faculty of Trinity Medical College, passed peacefully away in her 58th year, at her late residence, Holyrood Villa, 52 Maitland St., Toronto, on the afternoon of Thursday the 30th ult. As long ago as 1855, Mrs. Geikie, previously quite as strong as most persons, had a very sudden and most dangerous illness, after which, her health was never restored to what it had been before the attack. She was a lady of great energy in discharging every duty which devolved upon her in her home, which in her estimation had the principal claims upon her, as a wife and mother; and this large degree of conscientious devotion to home duties characterized her entire life.

About twelve years ago a severe attack of pleurisy nearly cost her her life, and since this illness she has been more or less a constant sufferer; of late years, the secondary results of the injury done to the left lung by the pleurisy, became more and more serious. Her heart's action became seriously and increasingly affected, and a very severe cough, paroxysmal in its character, greatly added to her sufferings; digestion became very feeble and within the past two or three years she became much emaciated, until compelled to keep her bed for the last four weeks of her life.

Mrs. Geikie, while unable from bodily weakness, to do a great deal that was seen or known publicly, was a very devoted and most earnest Christian worker—and a good many homes of the poor will miss her kindly visits. As we have said, her special life work has been very unostentatiously performed in her home, and her intense and constant solicitude for the temporal, but more especially for the eternal welfare of every member of her family, leaves a blank which can only be fully estimated by a household from which a most affectionate wife, and one of the best of mothers has been taken.

THE BOOKS in the medical department of the Public Library, 213 in number, were this week transferred to the Medical Library on Bay Street.

Books and Pamphlets.

A HANDBOOK OF DISEASES OF WOMEN, including Diseases of the Bladder and Urethra. By Dr. F. Winckel, Professor of Gynæcology, etc., etc. Munich. Edited by Theophilus Parvin, M.D., Professor of Obstetrics, and Diseases of Women and Children, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. Second edition, revised and enlarged, with 150 illustrations. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co., 1889. Toronto: Carveth & Co., p.p. 766. Cloth, \$3.00; leather, \$3.50.

This edition is considerably improved. The editor is so well and favourably known as a specialist in his subject that the work coming from him is sure to be well received, as the earlier edition has always been popular in both Great Britain and America. The addition of a section upon diseases of the bladder and urethra will be welcome, and is in accordance with the wishes of Prof. Winckel, from whose monograph on that subject it has been chiefly derived. The work is clear and concise, and contains, we believe, all that is necessary for the ordinary practitioner, in a small compass.

THE STORY OF THE BACTERIA AND THEIR RELATIONS TO HEALTH AND DISEASE, by T. Mitchell Prudden, M.D. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, Toronto: Vannevar & Co., 1880, pp. 138.

The writer seems to have well accomplished his object, which is, he says, "to present some facts from a small corner of the domain of Science in such form as will be plain to the unscientific, and with these some extracts from the lore of the physician which will, it is hoped, be both interesting and useful to the lay reader."

A HANDBOOK OF DERMATOLOGY FOR THE USE OF STUDENTS, by A. H. Ohman-Dumesnil, A.M., M.D., Professor of Dermatology, St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons, etc., etc. Illustrated. St. Louis *Medical and Surgical Journal* Publishing Co. Toronto: Vannevar & Co., 1889.

A handy little book of 159 pages. It contains much useful and easily getatable information for students.