

P.M. for the infraction of the health act, a conviction being obtained in one case. Special attention has been paid to the quality of milk during the year, which was found to be of a higher grade than usual, none coming below government minimum. The Board has recommended the enlargement of the sewage system. Why can not every municipality in the Dominion show such good work? Chiefly, we reply, because of want of intelligent interest among the people, want of instruction as to the value and methods of such progress.

A MAN died suddenly in Streetsville, Ont., recently and a post mortem examination showed that the immediate cause of death was the rupture of a blood vessel at the base of the brain, induced by a severe fit of coughing. Some individuals make dangerous efforts to remove irritation in the throat by persistent coughing when an effort should rather be made to suppress the cough and the irritation would usually soon disappear.

THIS JOURNAL is cordially with the Young Women's branch of the W. C. T. U. in their effort to suppress the use of tobacco; a dirty, vile, idle, and most unprofitable habit, and a great nuisance to a large proportion of the community who prefer not to soil themselves with the noxious weed.

THE MENTHOL PLASTERS recently prepared and introduced by Messrs. Davis and Lawrence of Montreal is highly spoken of. The Lancet says: "It is a good preparation. The specimen submitted for our inspection has an agreeable odor of peppermint and indicates its nature." Two cases are mentioned where it was used on the breast, and the action was quicker and more agreeable than the belladonna plaster used before. It is sold in rolls, 7 in. wide, at \$1 per yard.

#### NOTES ON NEW BOOKS AND CURRENT LITERATURE.

ACCIDENTS AND EMERGENCIES, is a manual of the treatment of injuries in the absence of a physician; by Chas. W. Dulles, M.D. &c., &c. (Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co.) The third edition of this excellent little volume has now been issued, which proves that it has been appreciated. Whoever has seen how invaluable in the presence of accidents is the man or woman who with a cool head and steady hand has some knowledge of what is best to be done will not fail to put a just value on the possession of these qualifications; and to possess them one must acquire them before an emergency arises. This little book should be in every household and be studied.

COME FORTH, is a novel by Elizabeth Stuart Phelps and Herbert D. Ward (Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co.). It is a highly interesting story of the first century. The plot turns on a supposed romantic intrigue between Lazarus (who according to Gospel history was raised from the dead), a handsome, skilled, thriving master-builder and architect of Bethany and Jerusalem, and Zahara, the splendidly beautiful daughter of the princely Annas, the High Priest, who had employed Lazarus to have some architectural repairs made in the structure of the palace. Some will not quite like the manner in which Jesus, the friend and teacher of Lazarus, is brought in to the rescue of the amorous pair; although it is not suggested that as a man he knew of their clandestine, and to Lazarus, dangerous meetings, and it is not meant to be irrelevant. Domestic Jewish life is well pictured: The bustling well-to-do widow, Martha, affords some humour, and the gentle lovable Mary creates much interest. The love manifested by the two principal characters is—well, simply magnificent, almost tremendous, in its ardour, and could hardly end in but one way. Zahara had been taught to despise the Nazarene Prophet, but secretly visiting the tomb of Lazarus just as Jesus is about to raise him from the dead, she falls "Weeping at His feet,—weeping now, like any woman, the ice of anguish thawed." The scene of opening the tomb and the command to Lazarus, "Come forth," is well depicted.

SLIPS OF TONGUE AND PEN, by J. H. Long, M. A. (Prin. Col. Institute, &c.), Peterborough, is a very useful little book. (New York: D. Appleton & Co.) We find first, a long list of words that are erroneously used; for example, "Do not say, 'the truth of that is apparent.' [Use obvious or evident. Apparent or seeming is opposed to real; obvious or evident, to obscure]" Then follow several pages on grammatical points, and others under the following heads: general suggestions upon composition; words often confused, synonyms, opposites; words to prefer; objectionable words and phrases; and notes on punctuation. There are few writers or speakers who would not be benefitted by a little study of this book.

WEBSTER'S INTERNATIONAL DICTIONARY, just issued by G. & C. Merriam & Co., Springfield Mass., is before us. This is a Multum in Parvo on a prodigious scale. It is "A new book from cover to cover." We had observed many highly favorable expressions of opinion of this book by eminent scholars and educators and