

EDITORIAL NOTES.

IT IS hoped that any inaccuracies or defects in this number of the JOURNAL will be kindly overlooked by the reader, as the editor has just suffered a terrible family affliction in the illness and death of his wife.

THIS, THE sixth bi-monthly number, is the last number of this volume. Any wishing title page will please send a P.O. card with address. We trust those in arrears for the volume, and there are yet many, will kindly send in the amount due.

BILLS WILL be sent with this number to those who have not paid up to date, and we beg they will favor us with the amount at an early day and save us the trouble and expense of sending bills again.

THE PUBLISHER expects to complete arrangements by which the JOURNAL will be considerably improved in many respects, on commencing next volume in July. It will be published monthly again it is hoped,—a monthly being most liked—and with double columns; and probably the price will be reduced to \$1.50.

BOOK NOTICES:

MEDICAL CHEMISTRY, INCLUDING THE OUTLINES OF ORGANIC AND PHYSIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, ANALYSIS OF URINE, URINARY SEDIMENTS AND CALCULI; ALSO, GENERAL CHEMICAL PATHOLOGY. By C. Gilbert Wheeler, Professor of Chemistry, University of Chicago. Chicago, S. J. Wheeler.

This is a volume of over 400 pages, and is devoted exclusively to the outlines of medical chemistry, and is intended to set forth in a concise method and form such matter as will be suited to the wants of the student of organic and physical chemistry. The subjects treated have hitherto received comparatively little attention from medical students and physicians, and the necessity for a work of this character will be recognized by the profession. Throughout the work prominent and recent authorities are quoted, and judging from the articles we have particularly examined, we should say that a very fair summary of the latest and most reliable information is given. The first part of the work is devoted to organic chemistry; the second especially to physiological chemistry, in which the subjects of digestion, absorption, the analysis of the various fluids of the body, respiration and kindred subjects are treated of in a concise and interesting manner. The subject of urine analysis is treated in a careful manner, which says much to the value of the work.

MUSCLE-BEATING; OR, ACTIVE AND PASSIVE HOME GYMNASTICS. With illustrations. New York: M. L. Holbrook & Co.

The author says in his introduction "I am in a position to prove that we can act more powerfully on different chronic morbid deposits (as the periphery of the body) with beating and tapping than with iodine or electricity, &c. It is really very difficult to understand why the Faculty has not paid more attention to this matter."