

Dr. E. S. Ryerson and Dr. D. M. Anderson, of the resident medical staff the Toronto General Hospital, have returned from their holidays and tell remarkable tales of their success in slaying all kinds of game which the law allows to be preyed upon at this season.

Dr. H. A. McCallum, of London, gave a dinner to some sixteen of the expert medical witnesses from Toronto and London at the London Club during the progress of the Sifton Trial. The fact that the Crown and Defence sides of the case were about equally represented did not in the least interfere with a most pleasant evening.

Dr. F. H. Brennan, formerly of Peterboro and afterwards of Johannesburg, is spending a while in Toronto at Trinity Medical College, preparatory to going to England, where he will spend a year in special work. Dr. Brennan was forced to give up a lucrative practice in Johannesburg at the outbreak of the war and offered his services to the Royal Canadian Regiment. He purposes returning to South Africa when peace is restored.

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## BOOK REVIEWS.

### TEXT BOOK OF PATHOLOGY.

By Alfred Stengel, M. D., Professor of Clinical Medicine in the University of Pennsylvania; Physician to Philadelphia Hospital, etc. With 372 illustrations. Third Edition. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders & Co. Toronto: J. A. Carveth & Co. Price, Cloth \$5.00, Sheep or half Morocco, \$6.00.

Dr. Alfred Stengel's work on pathology is well known. It has reached a third edition in a very short time for such works. This is readily accounted for on several grounds: the work is not too large, and yet not too condensed; it is written in a clear style, it is well illustrated; but most important the work is well up to date and trustworthy in its statements in the matters under discussion.

The first section of the work deals with general pathology. Under this division we have the etiology of disease, disorders of nutrition and metabolism, disturbances of the circulation of the blood, retrogressive changes, inflammation and regeneration, progressive tissue-changes, bacteria and diseases due to bacteria, and animal parasites and the diseases caused by them. The second section takes up the special pathology of the blood, the tissues, and the various organs.

Pathology is the science that deals with disease in all its aspects. Etiology, or the study of causes; morbid, or pathologic anatomy, the study of structural changes; and morbid, or pathologic physiology, the study of disturbances of function are the sub-divisions from which the author approaches his subject. Disease is defined as abnormality in structure, in function, or in both combined. It is stated that it is doubtful whether alteration of function can occur without some alteration in structure, though none may be found by the most precise methods. The