

**SULFONAL.**—It should be borne in mind (*Maryland Med. Jour.*) that to obtain a prompt, safe and agreeable effect from sulfonal it should always be given in hot solution cautiously cooled to a drinkable temperature, so as to avoid precipitation. By adopting this plan, not only is a smaller quantity of the drug required, but sleep occurs much more rapidly and is not followed by after-effects.

**ELEGANT GLYCERIN JELLY.**—The following directions are given in the *Pharmaceutische Zeitung*: Soak two drachms of gelatin in six fluid ounces of rose water, and then liquefy by applying heat. To the somewhat cooled liquid, before solidifying, add five drachms of albumen, again apply heat to coagulate the albumen. In the perfectly clear liquid dissolve 12 grains of salicylic acid, add 5 fluid ounces of glycerin, and strain or filter on a hot-water funnel. Pour into wide-mouthed bottles and allow to solidify.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—The *Lancet* states that at the meeting of the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, held recently, Mr. J. Whitaker Hulke, F.R.S., was re-elected President of the College. Mr. Reginald Harrison, and Mr. Alfred Willett were appointed Vice-Presidents.

**MARRIED.**—On Wednesday, June 27th, 1894, at the residence of the bride's parents, Harwich, Ont., by the Rev. J. Becket, of Thamesville, Dr. P. B. Robertson (Trinity, '91), of Newbury, Ont., to Maggie, only daughter of Alex. Clark, Esq.

A STATUE of the late Dr. J. Marion Sims is shortly to be erected in Byrant Park, New York. The statue is from the chisel of the well-known French sculptor, M. Dubois.

THE use of the metric system of weights and measures has now been made compulsory in the prescription and dispensing of medicines in Russia.

DR. G. S. MOORE, of Glasgow, recently deceased, bequeathed \$225,000 to found a convalescent home for nurses.

THE wet nurses in Austria are on a strike.

## Books and Pamphlets.

**THE MEDICAL PROFESSION OF UPPER CANADA, 1783-1850.** An Historical Narrative, with original documents relating to the profession, including some brief biographs, by Wm. Canniff, M.D., M. R. C. S., Eng. Illustrated. Cloth. 1894. Toronto: Wm. Briggs.

This work is divided into three parts. The first part deals with the Pioneer Medical Men, and the several steps taken to establish the profession on a legal basis. The second part includes the proceedings of the Upper Canada Medical Board from its organization in 1819, to 1850; and of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Upper Canada, 1839-41. The third part contains biographical sketches of early physicians of the Province, with many references to early events in the history of Upper Canada. A number of cuts of the more prominent members of the profession add considerably to the beauty and value of the book. The preservation of the records of the medical fraternity is a most praiseworthy object, and deserves the hearty co-operation of every medical man. The book contains six hundred and eighty-eight pages, which are filled with matter of interest to the medical profession of Ontario. The success which we feel must await the author in this undertaking, and which he truly deserves, will, we trust, repay him amply for the valuable time he has spent in bringing this work to completion.

**ANTISEPTIC SURGICAL TECHNIQUE** with especial reference to Gynæcological operations, together with Notes on the Technique employed in certain supplementary procedures. By Hunter Robb, M.D., Associate in Gynæcology, Johns Hopkins University; Professor of Gynæcology, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. Illustrated. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Co. 1894. Price \$2.

This work contains 250 pages, replete with useful and important information concerning anti- and asepsis in surgical proceedings, both major and minor. While much space is necessarily devoted to the description of appliances and procedures which one could only hope to command in hospital practice, there is an excellent chapter on "Operations in the country, in private houses, or in places where the technique must necessarily be more or less imperfect."