

AMERICAN DERMATOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.—The nineteenth annual meeting of this Association is to be held at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, on September 17th, 18th and 19th, and gives promises to be one of the most interesting in the history of the Association.

Officers for 1895: President, S. Sherwell, M.D., Brooklyn, N.Y.; Vice-President, J. A. Fordyce, M.D., N.Y.; Secretary and Treasurer, C. W. Allen, M.D., 640 Madison Avenue, New York.

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORIFICIAL SURGEONS will hold its eighth annual session at Apolo Hall, Central Music Hall, corner Statr and Randolph Sts., Chicago, on September 4th and 5th

An interesting programme has been prepared, consisting of papers of a practical nature.

Books and Pamphlets.

THE FUNK AND WAGNALLS STANDARD DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE. Single-volume edition: Half Russia, \$12; full Russia (with Denison's Patent Reference Index), \$14; full Morocco, \$18. Two-volume edition: Half Russia, \$15; full Russia (with Denison's Patent Reference Index), \$17; full Morocco, \$22. New York: Funk & Wagnalls Company, 30 Lafayette Place. Toronto: 11 Richmond Street W.

We all knew that when a wealthy American firm start out to "beat all creation," they spare neither labor nor expense to do it. Funk & Wagnalls have done it, in making what is no doubt the best dictionary of the English language that has ever been made. The colossal style in which the work was undertaken will be a surprise to many, as it was to us. When we say that 247 editors and specialists, and 500 readers for quotations were engaged upon this work, and that it cost nearly one million dollars, our readers will be able to form some conception of the amount of work put in upon it. The editors engaged upon the various departments of the dictionary have been selected from the front rank of English and American scholars; each is representative of all that is latest and most approved in his own field of exploration and research; and each is an accepted authority in his sphere. From beginning to end, the Standard Dictionary is the work of men thoroughly equipped in the schools of science,

literature, and art, and of experts in all handicrafts and trades. It is neither extravagant nor invidious to say that no more capable and vigorous body of workers, has ever been called to the making of a dictionary in any language. As has been well said, "This Dictionary is, in fact, the joint product of many minds, reflecting the whole scholarship of the present age." It embodies many new principles in lexicography, contains 2,338 pages, 5,000 illustrations, made expressly for this work; 301,865 vocabulary terms, which is nearly two and one-half the number of terms in any single-volume dictionary, and about 75,000 more than in any other dictionary of the language. Space at our disposal is utterly inadequate to mention a thousandth part of the good points of the work. Suffice it to say, that it is the best dictionary, by far, that we have ever seen, and covering the ground so fully as it does, ever expect to see. It is a better general library in itself than most men possess.

THE POCKET MATERIA MEDICA AND THERAPEUTICS. A *Résumé* of the Action and Doses of all Official and Non-Official Drugs now in common use. By C. Henri Leonard, A.M., M.D., Professor of the Medical and Surgical Diseases of Women and Clinical Gynæcology in the Detroit College of Medicine, Member of the American Medical Association, etc. Second edition, revised and enlarged; cloth, large, 16 mo., 367 pages. Price, post-paid, \$1. Detroit, The Illustrated Medical Journal Co., Publishers. 1895.

The second edition of this popular therapeutic work has had sixty-seven pages added to it, besides typographical errors corrected, etc. A new and complete cross-index has been prepared, which renders the quick finding of a non-familiar drug possible. This is an important feature lacking in ready-reference books. The descriptive arrangement of the drugs is as follows: Alphabetically, the drug, with its pronunciation [(official or non-official standing indicated), genitive case-ending, dose and metric dose. Then the English, French and German synonyms. If a plant, the part used, habitat, natural order, botanic description, with alkaloids, if any; if a mineral, its chemical symbol, atomic weight, looks, taste, how found, its peculiarities. Then the action and uses of the drug or compound, its antagonists, its incompatibles, its synergists and then antidotes. Then follow its official and non-official preparations with their medium and maximum doses. Altogether it is a handy volume for physician, druggist or student, and will be frequently appealed to if in one's possession.