

NUX VOMICA IN HEART FAILURE.—Dr. A. Bourie writes to the *Lancet* that he has had excellent results in two severe cases of heart failure, from the administration of small doses of tincture of nux vomica given every half hour for four doses, then every hour. He thinks the drug stimulated the motor centres and the ganglionic system to increased activity, and rescued the patients from the consequences of obstructed pulmonary circulation and engorgement of the right heart.

CODEINE IN DIABETES MELLITUS.—Fraser (*Br. Med. Jour.*) claims that codeine is only a weak morphine, diluted by the addition to it of methyl. He has made several clinical experiments with it in diabetes mellitus, comparing it with the action of opium and morphine, and concludes that it is inferior in its action to either of these drugs.

FEVERS.—Dr. Barnett of Wisconsin, (*Am. Pract. & News*) claims that salicylate of ammonium is almost a specific in typhoid or remittent fevers, while Dr. Jackson, of Virginia, affirms it to be better adapted to malarial fever than to typhoid, and that the nitrate of ammonium is a much better remedy in typhoid troubles.

PNEUMONIA.—Dr. Petresco of Bucharest, (*Am. Pract. & News*) after treating over six hundred cases of pneumonia in the Roumanian army during the last five years concludes:—

(1) Pneumonia may be aborted by digitalis in strong doses; (2) that this treatment gives the lowest rate of mortality; (3) the doses from 4 to 8 grains per day, of the leaves in infusion; (4) the tolerance and non-tonicity of this dose are proved by nearly six hundred clinical observations.

A MUNIFICENT DONATION.—By the will of the late Alexander Murray, of Montreal, the Montreal General Hospital will come into possession of the sum of \$750,000. Next to the donation of \$1,000,000 made by Sir Donald A. Smith and Sir George Stephen for the founding of the Royal Victoria Hospital of Montreal, that of Mr. Murray is the largest event ever made in Canada for any similar purpose.

REMOVAL.—Dr. Price Brown has removed from the cor. of College St., and Spadina Ave., to 39 Carlton St.

Dr. T. Millman has resigned the position of Assistant Medical Superintendent of the Asylum for Insane, Kingston, Ont. He moves to Toronto, about May 1st, where he purposes to practice, possibly devoting considerable time to nervous affections.

CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—We beg to call attention to the circular *Re* the next meeting of the above Association on page 280. The circular will be distributed in a few days.

MCGILL UNIVERSITY.—The medical faculty of McGill University has appointed Dr. Craik, dean of the faculty, in succession to the late Dr. R. P. Howard, and Dr. Geo. Ross, vice-dean.

Books and Pamphlets.

A PRACTICAL TREATISE ON NERVE EXHAUSTION (neurasthenia), ITS SYMPTOMS, NATURE, SEQUENCES AND TREATMENT, by George M. Beard, A.M. M.D., Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine, etc., etc. Edited with notes and additions, by A. D. Rockwell, A.M. M.D., professor of electro-therapeutics in the New York Post Graduate School and Hospital, etc., etc. New York: E. B. Treat & Co., 1889; Pp. 254. \$2.75.

This work will be welcomed by the profession as treating of a subject which is too little known. The term neurasthenia is often used, when the physician is puzzled to find a more (to him) specific term for the patient's ailment. The present work is the result of the experience and study of an entire professional life, in the subject to which it relates. In these days of mental strain and rapid living, a full understanding of nerve exhaustion is of vital importance to the physician, who would conscientiously treat a large number of his patients suffering from this or allied neuroses. We commend the book as an excellent one.

We have just received from Virtue & Co., of Montreal, a fine edition of Hilton Fagge's *Practice of Medicine*. As we are just going to press we have no time to give a sufficient review of the work. To all who have read the latest works on medicine any notice will be superfluous, as Fagge is now looked upon as a classic. The present edition is, as before, in two handsome volumes of about 1,900 pages, and will be sold by subscription by Virtue & Co., of Montreal, and by George Virtue, publisher, of Toronto.