

White's investigations as to the effects of operations from this point of view have brought out facts which are very interesting. We hope to hear more from this distinguished clinical teacher on the same subject.

NEW WORK ON MEDICINE.

We understand the new work on Practice of Medicine, by Professor Osler, of Baltimore, is completed, and is well advanced in the printer's hands. The new text-book is intended for both students and practitioners. The publishers, Messrs. Appleton & Co., of New York, expect to have it out in a few weeks.

Correspondence.

Editor of THE CANADIAN PRACTITIONER :

SIR,—I wish to say a few words in regard to the action of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario during the last session in regard to the cancelling of the regular examination of the Council in September of each year. I think this is an injustice to many of the students, and that the officers had not much consideration for the interests of the students in cancelling the usual examination this year, because due notice of such a change has not been given.

Take the case of a "primary" candidate who was rejected on the spring examination, and especially those who were rejected previous to the examination of '91, who had purposely left off the examination last spring intending to take it this fall, so that they could do something in their third-year work last winter's session—it will cause such a student considerable extra work to prepare for both primary and final Council examination in the spring of '92.

In the case of the student who was rejected last spring and wished to enter the third-year work untrammelled by primary studies, such a privilege is denied him, and he must carry two years' work during the coming session, which is more than enough, as each year is sufficient of itself for any student to accomplish successfully. Again, in the case of candidates for the final examination, is it giving a man a fair chance to keep him from writing for a whole year when possibly he has failed only on one subject? It is not necessary to say that any such student

would prefer to be allowed to try again, and, if successful, be in a position to obtain some remuneration for the time and money he has already spent in college.

When we consider that about 50 per cent. of all the candidates in the spring are rejected, is it asking too much when we ask that the proposed change be not made, so that we may be in a position to give each winter session to its own work and be in a position to benefit thereby?

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your space, and hoping that something will be done so that the examination will be held as usual, I remain,
yours,
A STUDENT.

Reviews.

Sexual Neurasthenia (Nervous Exhaustion), its Hygiene, Causes, Symptoms, and Treatment. With a chapter on Diet for the Nervous by Geo. M. Beard, A.M., M.D., formerly lecturer on Nervous Diseases in the University of New York, etc. Edited by A. D. Rockwell, A.M., M.D., Professor of Electro-Therapeutics in the New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital, etc. Third edition, with Formulas. New York: E. B. Treat. Price \$2.75.

This work contains principally the posthumous manuscript of the late Dr. Beard, under the editorship of Dr. A. D. Rockwell. It has found much favor, and now the third edition is being issued. Some new information is given respecting the various forms of treatment by electricity.

On Painful Menstruation: The Harveian Lectures, 1890. By Francis Henry Champneys, M.A., M.D., Oxon., F.R.C.P. Physician-Accoucheur and Lecturer in Obstetric Medicine at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, etc. London: H. K. Lewis, 136 Gower St., W.C.

The general practitioner meets with no condition that is likely to cause greater perplexity than painful menstruation. Although it is, properly speaking, a symptom, and produced by a variety of causes, still it ranks with many serious diseases in importance, and is surrounded with many serious difficulties. Dr. Champneys deals with the subject in a scientific way, and yet gives many practical hints, especially in the way of treatment. The lectures will prove very valuable to general physicians as well as obstetricians and gynecologists.