

Book Reviews

By H. S. ROSS.

HOW I BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH NATURE CURE, by Henry Lindlahr, M.D.; published by The Nature Cure Publishing Co., 525 Ashland Boulevard, Chicago; 30 cents.

The author, who is of a philosophical turn of mind, advocates our conforming to the laws of nature and promises results with mathematical precision. "I had learned the ten commandments in my youth, but neither in church, school or college had I been taught that there is a decalogue and a morality of the physical as well as of the spiritual. I accepted the popular belief that life and death, health and disease are largely matters of chance and dependent upon drafts, wet feet, germs and bacteria, or upon the will of a capricious Providence." At maturity he rebelled against the too common teaching that "Ethical and moral notion were mere figments of speculation and unrealities, which should be discarded, the sooner the better."

He describes his experiences in European sanatoriums and schools for nature cure. There is an interesting chapter opposing uncalled-for operations. "Most surgical operations are uncalled-for and destructive, and leave almost invariably chronic after-effects." He describes the natural treatment of wounds recently being taken up by many leading medical men.

He also deals with diagnosis from the iris of the eye—Iridology—and tells of the introduction of this science into the United States. He holds that a conflict is being waged between two radically different systems of treating human ailments—a race between two tendencies—a reduction in the acute or infectious diseases and in increase in the chronic or degenerative diseases. "It is the reduction of acute inflammatory and infectious diseases by suppressive methods which accounts for the increase in chronic degenerative diseases. The more refined the allopathic profession becomes in suppression by means of drugs, ice, vaccines, serums, anti-toxins and surgical mutilations, the more it increases the frequency, severity and fatality of chronic destructive diseases. Nature cure philosophy looks upon acute reactions as purifying, healing efforts of nature. If allowed to run their natural course through the fine stage of inflammation they leave the system in a purer and more normal condition."

LE DROIT PAROISSIAL (The Law of Parishes) in the Province of Quebec, by Jean Francois Pouliot, Advocate, of Fraserville, with an introduction by Ernest Lapoint, K.C., M.P.; published by Le Saint-Laurent, Ltd., 136-138 Rue LaFontaine, Fraserville. For sale in Montreal by Wilson & Lafleur, 19 St. James street. Price \$8.50.

This book is of interest not only to lawyers and clergymen, but to the general public. The "Law of Parishes" is dealt with in title LX of the Revised Statutes of Quebec (1909), headed "Religious Matters." It deals with the erection and division, canonical and civil, of parishes, the construction and repair of churches, parsonages and cemeteries, with "fabriques" and their powers, with rectories, with religious congregations and particularly their rights to acquire and hold land and to expropriate the land necessary for the establishment or enlarging of cemeteries; it also deals with interments and disinterments; it provides for the keeping of good order in and near places of public worship; finally it deals with the observance of Sunday in general and regulates particularly the sale of goods on Sunday. Mr. Pouliot has not contented himself with explaining and commenting on the chapters and sections of title IX. He has carefully examined the sources of our parochial law. In the first part of his

work—the historic part—he has studied the origin of the parish in France, its origin in Canada and the freedom of worship in our country, as affected particularly by the Act of Capitulation of Quebec, the Act of Capitulation of Montreal, the Treaty of Paris (1763), the Act of Quebec (1774), and the Act of 1791.

The second part of the work deals mainly with the provisions of the statutory law. It is a concise, clear and complete commentary of the law, with a thorough review of all the leading cases. Mr. Pouliot has added to his work a series of forms prepared by Mr. W. Camirand, K.C., an expert in the matter. Mr. Camirand is and has been for many years secretary of the Commission for the civil erection of parishes for the diocese of Nicolet. The work contains the text of title IX of the Revised Statutes for reference. The analytical index at the end of the volume is of great assistance. Mr. Pouliot previously published an annotated edition of the Municipal Code, much appreciated by the Bar as well as by all who are interested in municipal matters.

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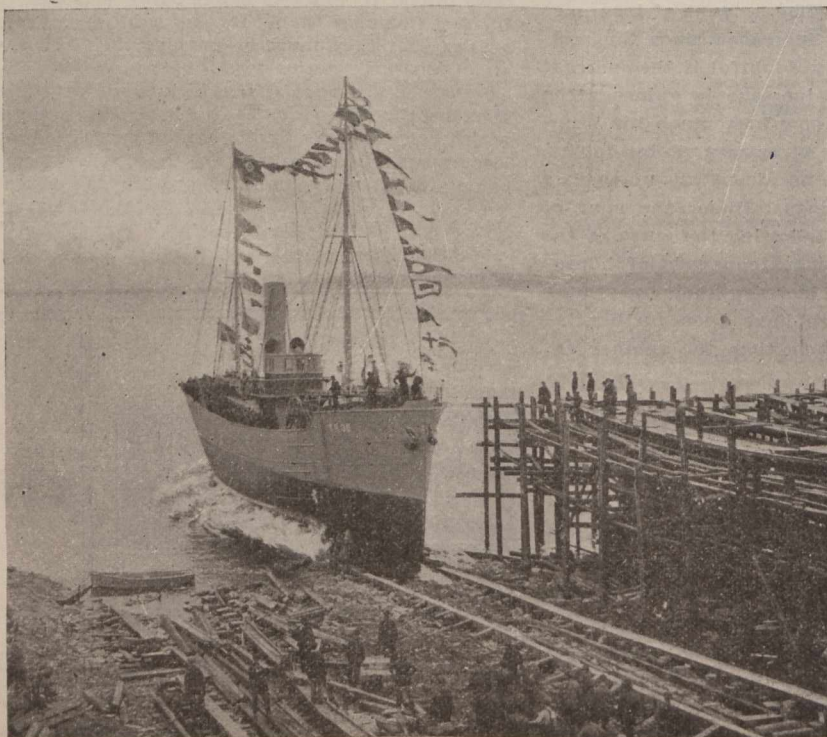
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