

THE ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION will meet in Toronto, June 5th and 6th, under the Presidency of R. W. Bruce Smith, of Hamilton.

DR. HERMAN MYNTER, of Buffalo, reports a case of sarcoma of the abdominal cavity cured by the toxins of erysipelas.

THE PHYSICIAN'S POCKET DAY BOOK AND VISITING LIST.—The Medical Novelty Company, 21 West 23rd Street, New York, will be very glad to supply this work free throughout the year to any of our subscribers who will send them their names.

Books and Pamphlets.

THE PRINCIPLES OF SURGERY AND SURGICAL PATHOLOGY. By Dr. Hermann Tillmanns, Professor of the University of Leipzig. Translated from the third German edition, by John Rogers, M.D., and Benjamin Linton, M.D., New York. Edited by Lewis A. Stimson, M.D., Professor of Surgery in the University of the City of New York. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Toronto: Carveth & Co. 1894.

A proposition that in Surgical Pathology more real progress has been made in the last fifteen years than during the previous fifteen centuries is one that can be easily and successfully maintained. In no other department of medicine has there been anything like such rapid advancement.

The natural result of this is that the standard authorities of but a few years ago are out dated, and must be replaced. Pajet's and Billroth's works no longer represent the accepted teachings of department. The trouble has been that for some years there have been no other works available, in English, to replace them. The need of something new, presenting within the limits of a single volume the present *status* of Surgical Pathology has been acutely felt, and to meet this demand Tillmann's Principles, a work which at once upon its publication in January, took a leading position, is now presented.

It is just the book for surgeons who entered practice before Surgical Bacteriology had been developed so as to afford, as it now does, a firm foundation for the best clinical work. By its aid one's knowledge of the results of most recent

investigations can be, so to speak, brought up to date. No surgeon however experienced can read it without having his *technique* consciously or unconsciously improved, and his grasp upon the fixed facts of surgical science made more secure.

In illustrations, type, paper, and binding, Tillmann's Surgical Pathology is up to the Appleton Standard, and that standard, as we all know, is unsurpassed.

LABORATORY GUIDE FOR THE BACTERIOLOGIST. By Langdon Frothingham, M.D.V., Assistant in Bacteriology & Veterinary Science, Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University. Illustrated. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders, 925 Walnut Street. 1895. 8vo. pp. 93., 75 cts.

The object of this manual is that of supplying, in concise and convenient form, the ordinary methods of bacteriological technique, which are otherwise only to be found in the larger textbooks, or in serial literature.

The introductory chapter, which supplies details for the arrangement and working of a small laboratory, is really the most valuable part of the book, and will, doubtless, be appreciated by those who have not had the opportunity of acquiring practical knowledge of this kind. This is followed by formulas for stains, together with their method of application, the order of the various manipulations being indicated by numbered paragraphs, so that failure is reduced to a minimum. The methods comprise all that are likely to be required by the physician, in the demonstration of pathogenic germs, and also include the staining of spores, and the cutting and staining of infected tissues. The formulas have been selected with care, and are fairly representative, but we cannot help noticing a probable typographical error in regard to Loeffler's methylene blue, in which the strength of the potash solution is stated to be ten times that recommended by the originator.

The chapter on the preparation of culture media embraces the ordinary kinds, including the quick method for serum, but not giving the special differentiating media, as those of Parietti, Uffelmann, and others. The matter is, however, so arranged that alternate blank pages are provided for the introduction of written additions or remarks. The illustrations, which are very good, represent several typical micro-organisms.