

exercise might be indicated upon general sanitary considerations, one must hesitate before advising it in Toronto. In no country village in Canada can streets be found in a condition as bad as that in which many streets in Toronto are permanently maintained. The dangers for a nervous person are very great furthermore, for most of one's riding must of necessity be taken upon the way-strip between the tracks, with electric cars and an endless succession of traffic teams upon both sides. Such a nervous strain is very undesirable.

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*The Year-Book of Treatment for 1898.* A Critical Review for Practitioners of Medicine and Surgery. Crown octavo, 488 pages. Cloth, \$1.50. Philadelphia and New York: Lea Brothers & Co., 1898.

No medical practitioner, either general or special, can afford to be without this book, the value of which far exceeds its very modest price, for it furnishes a critical and trustworthy epitome of a year's progress, in all branches of practical medicine. That it has performed this service acceptably is evident from the demand which has rendered necessary the publication of fourteen consecutive annual issues, and it may be truly said that the possessor of the series enjoys the advantage of a connected view of medical advance, always fresh and brought up to the latest date by each new volume. The entire domain of practical medicine is thus annually covered in a series of twenty-five chapters, each being assigned to a recognized authority who gives in full detail all that is new, tried and true, with a critical statement of the comparative value and applicability of the various drugs, formulæ and methods of treatment.

*Twentieth Century Practice.* By Leading Authorities of Europe and America. Edited by THOMAS L. STEDMAN, M.D. In Twenty Volumes. Volume XIII., Infectious Diseases. New York: William Wood & Company, 1898.

The contributors to this volume are Brouardel, Comby, Ernst, Hart, Solomon Smith, Victor Vaughan, and Dawson Williams. This is one of the most scientific volumes of this fine publication. The subject of Ptomaines, Toxins, and Leucomaines is discussed by Vaughan. Although this author's reputation as an author on bacterial poisons is to some extent discredited by certain critics, owing to the large number of "irons he has in the fire," yet after one has read this exhaustive disquisition on the subject of so much importance in modern medicine, he cannot but feel that the subject has been treated in a masterly fashion. We have been particularly edified on the reading of Ernst's article on Infection and Immunity. The present position upon these two points is well summarized. Under the first head after a definition of the term, he discusses the various causal elements of infection. In dis-