

## REVIEWS.

*A Practical Treatise on Massage, its History, Mode of Application and Effects.* By DOUGLAS GRAHAM, M.D., Fellow of the Massachusetts Medical Society.

We have read the above work with considerable satisfaction.

It is not an echo of the various articles upon the subject which have from time to time appeared in Medical Journals throughout the country, but is a creditable, systematic and faithful fulfilment of the promise involved in the title page.

Massage just now is as fashionable in the United States as electricity used to be, and we in Canada should try to avoid the extremes to which, doubtless, our American cousins will run. Dr. Graham's work will act as a deterrent in this direction, for throughout the whole 275 pages a wise moderation prevails. Where a trained nurse cannot be had it will be seen, on perusal of Chapter III, how unfair to the patient and to the reputation of the remedy it would be to leave the carrying out of the necessary details to any chance assistant.

Let the medical attendant roll up his sleeves with a determination to allow of no perfunctory work in *his* practice. As, says the author (p. 35): "visits for massage are not more arduous than many visits in surgical, obstetrical and gynecological practice, indeed often less so, besides being much less disagreeable. Physicians daily render service that no menial could be hired to perform. French, German and Scandinavian physicians often apply massage themselves without any thought of compromising their dignity; and when such men as Drs. Brown-Sequard, Weir Mitchell and others have tried their hands at it I do not see why American and English physicians should not make use of it oftener than they do."

## CORRECTION.

In Dr. Mattison's original article in our last issue, page 82, "release" should read "relapse." Next column 25 to 30 grammes, should read .25 to .30 gramme. His name was also wrongly spelled. It should be Dr. J. B. Mattison and not Mattinson.

## PERSONAL.

Dr. Francis J. Wilson is spending the winter in the famed Ojar Valley, California. His health has improved markedly since he has taken up his residence in the Mountains of California.

Dr. Osler, late of McGill University Faculty of Medicine, but now of the University of Pennsylvania, sailed for London on the 10th inst., where he will deliver the Gulstonian Lectures, his subject being "The Pathology of Endocarditis. He returns immediately on the conclusions of the Lectures.

Dr. Sullivan, of Kingston, has been elevated to the Senate. The appointment is an excellent one.

Dr. Vineberg is still in New York pursuing his Gynecological studies, to which branch of the profession he intends to devote himself in the future.

We learn that Dr. Wolfred Nelson, of Panama, the first Matriculant of the Medical Faculty of Bishop's College, leaves for his annual holiday in March. This year he intends doing the Republic of Nicaragua, C. A., crossing it from ocean to ocean, visiting its lakes, that are famed for magnificent scenery, the old cities and rivers.

Dr. James Broatch, a Scotch physician, died of yellow fever at Panama in December. His death took place thirteen days after arrival. He had applied for employment with the Canal Company.

Dr. Ponjade of the Canal Company died suddenly in November of congestive fever.

Dr. F. D. Gilbert, of Sherbrooke, has gone to California for the benefit of his health. If the climate agrees with him it is possible he may decide to remain there permanently.

Dr. O. C. Edwards of Indian Head, N.W.T., has been in Montreal for about a month on a visit to his friends. He leaves for home the end of February. We are glad to see Dr. Edwards looking as if the climate agreed with him.