

made up of addresses, lectures, and papers read or delivered by members of the Board, or under its auspices, most of which have already been abstracted or referred to in these papers. The volume as a whole, contains much valuable and interesting information, and fully attests the utility and efficiency of the Board. While the subject-matter is very good, in many instances the manner is anything but commendable, exhibiting too great a disregard of perspicuity and eloquence of diction—a fault the more remarkable since we observe that four out of the seven members are College-bred men. Pope's ashes must surely glow with the heat of indignation at the line quoted on page XXXII, unless in truth the dead care not what we mortals think.

Personal.

Dr. Uzziel Ogden expects to start for Europe in May.

Dr. Mills, of Montreal, left March 14th, for Strasburg and Leipsig.

Dr. Stewart expects to attend the April meeting of the German Surgical Society at Berlin.

Dr. W. J. Neilson has been appointed Health Officer at Winnipeg, with a salary of \$1,200 a year.

Dr. W. H. Aikins has left Vienna and will soon return to Canada. Drs. Stewart, Edvardson, and Nattress are still in Vienna.

We are glad to be able to report that Dr. J. A. Stevenson, of London, is somewhat improved in health, although he is still confined to his room.

Dr. Buller, of McGill, Montreal, suffered for some time from sub-acute rheumatism. We are glad to learn that he has recovered, and has resumed practice. Report says that active work, including the task of looking after his *noisy tenant*, is more congenial to his taste.

As we anticipated in our last issue, Dr. William Canniff has been appointed City Health Officer for Toronto, at a salary of \$1,500 a year. The choice is highly approved by the profession in and outside the city. Our only regret is the small compensation, as the duties are very onerous, and will interfere very seriously with active practice. In connection with the latter the Dr. will probably be able to attend to little excepting consultations. We believe he has

been advised by friends to confine himself to consulting practice. His large experience and well-known ability would make him well fitted for such a course.

OBITUARY.

HENRY H. CROFT, D.C.L., F.C.S., ETC.

Professor Croft, after filling the Chair of Chemistry in University College, Toronto, for about 35 years, was superannuated in 1880, and shortly afterwards resided at his son's ranch until his death, which took place last month.

Although not a physician, few men were better known to the Medical Fraternity of Canada than this distinguished Professor. While connected with the University he taught medical students (chiefly those attending the Toronto School) for 30 years; and the relations existing between teacher and student, whether in the lecture-room, the laboratory, the "University Rifles," or in private social intercourse, were always of the most pleasant description. Being possessed of great ability, untiring energy, almost inexhaustible good nature, unbounded courtesy, and rare kindness of heart, he was at the same time one of the most skilled scientists, and one of the most successful and best beloved teachers that this country has seen.

ARTHUR MOREN, M.D., EDIN.

Probably few physicians have visited Halifax without meeting the kind, genial, and courteous Dr. Moren, who was for a number of years Health Officer for that city. The news of his sudden death on the 27th of February, will be a source of the deepest regret to all such, as well as his host of personal friends in the Lower Provinces. His health had been poor for some years, and his sudden death was caused by hæmorrhage from the stomach.

Miscellaneous.

THE COLDEST TOWN IN THE WORLD.—The coldest inhabited town in the world is, according to *L'Union Médicale*, not Irkoutsk, as has been formerly believed, but Verchojansk, in Siberia. In this place the mean temperature during the month of January was -43° F.; in February, -56° F.; in March, -37° F. Once the thermometer recorded -81.4° F.