

DEATH OF CHASSAIGNAC.—M. Chassaignac, to whom surgery is indebted for the invention of the ecraseur, and for the introduction of the drainage tube into practice, died on the 26th of August.

### Books and Pamphlets.

HEARING AND HOW TO KEEP IT, by Chas. H. Burnett, M.D., of Philadelphia. Philadelphia: Lindsay & Blakiston. Toronto: Hart & Rawlinson. Price, 50 cts.

This is the first of a series of small volumes on subjects pertaining to *Smitary Science* and *The Preservation of Health*, written by *American Authors* of established reputation, selected with reference to their special knowledge of the subject from previous study or as private and public teachers. They are written from an *American standpoint*, with particular reference to climate and modes of life. The subjects selected are of vital and practical importance, and are treated in as popular a style as is consistent with their nature—technicalities of language being avoided. Each volume will be illustrated by engravings, when the text can thus be more fully explained to those not heretofore familiar with the structure or functions of the body.

A TREATISE ON THE DISEASES OF INFANTS AND CHILDREN. By J. Lewis Smith, M.D., Clinical Professor of Diseases of Children in Bellevue Medical College, etc., etc. Fourth edition, thoroughly revised, with illustrations. Philadelphia: Henry C. Lea. Toronto: Willing & Williamson. Pp. 758.

Smith's Treatise on Diseases of Children is not new to the profession in Canada, and no word from us is necessary by way of introduction to such an admirable work. The work is of a most practical character, and peculiarly suited to the wants of Canadian practitioners. It is one of the best works on this subject published. No one who reads it carefully can fail to profit by the fund of information and experience it contains.

SPERMATORRHOEA; ITS CAUSES, SYMPTOMS, RESULTS AND TREATMENT.—By Roberts Bartholow, A.M., M.D., Professor of the Theory and Practice of Medicine and of Clinical Medicine in the Medical College of Ohio, etc., etc., etc. Fourth edition, revised. Small 8vo. pp. 128. New York: Wm. Wood & Co.; Toronto: Willing & Williamson.

THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF SURGERY. By John Ashurst, Jr., M.D., Professor of Clinical Surgery in the University of Pennsylvania etc. Second edition enlarged and revised, 542 illustrations. Philadelphia: H. C. Lea. Toronto: Hart & Rawlinson.

This volume contains everything of practical value in relation to the science and art of surgery. The author has been at great pains to cull information from every source both home and foreign, and has added much that is new and useful to the present edition. He shows himself familiar with the progress of surgery both in Europe and America, and his enlarged experience has enabled him to utilize to the best advantage, the facts he has collected. The illustrations, which are numerous, and many of them original, are well executed, and the mechanical execution of the work is in Mr. Lea's best style. The work will not only form a valuable addition to the surgical literature of to-day, but also constitute a convenient book of reference to those whose opportunities are such as to prevent them having access to the larger works on surgery.

Dr. Wilkinson has resigned his position of Medical Superintendent of the London Hospital.

A CLEAR CASE.—A man was seized with a sudden illness, and called in his physician. The doctor suspected that his patient had been drugged, —feared the possibility of self-drugging with alcohol. He called in a brother doctor to aid in the diagnosis. Now it so happened that the patient wore one artificial eye. Dr. No. 2 examines the case carefully; lifts up the lid of the false member and remarks solemnly: "There is no action of the pupil; it neither contracts nor dilates; it is fixed; no drugs: a clear case of drunk."

### Births, Marriages and Deaths.

On the 10th ult., the wife of Dr. J. H. Burns, Toronto, of a son.

On the 21st ult., the wife of Dr. J. J. Cassidy, Toronto, of a daughter.

On the 26th ult., at Cape Vincent, Dr. Fairbairn, of Minneappolis, to Miss Sacket, daughter of Gen. Sacket, of Cape Vincent.

On Sept. 10th, at Woodstock, Ont., E. D. Ault, Esq., M.D., of Aultsville, to Elizabeth H., second daughter of James Girvin, Esq., of St. Catherines.

On the 18th ult., Hon. Senator R. W. W. Carroll, M.D., of Barkery, B.C.