

interference in serous pleuritic exudation not only not imperative, but, indeed, puts operative procedures in the background.

COLLAPSE AND DEATH AFTER POST-PARTUM INTRA-UTERINE IRRIGATION.—P. C. Larsen reports the case of a woman who was in her third childbirth. After delivery and manual separation of the placenta an intra-uterine irrigation was made with a 3% solution of phenol, when the patient suddenly became collapsed and died in a few minutes. There was no rupture of the uterus but a mitral insufficiency.

TRINITY MEDICAL COLLEGE.—The summer session at Trin. Med. Coll. commences May 2nd, and will continue till July 1st. Drs. Meyers and Millman have been added to the staff of summer session lecturers.

We are pleased to note that Dr. C. A. Temple, late interne assistant in the Toronto General Hospital has been appointed surgeon to the *Empress of India*, one of the new C.P.R. steam ships, *vice* Dr. Gordon, invalidated.

A German edition of the second revision of Gowers' book on the Nervous System has just been published by Cohen of Bourse, and we understand that an Italian translation is also nearly ready.

Books and Pamphlets.

A TREATISE ON DISEASES OF THE NOSE, and its Accessory Cavities. By Greville Macdonald, M.D., London. London and New York: MacMillan & Co., Toronto, Carveth & Co. Price \$2.50.

The second edition of this excellent treatise upon Diseases of the Nose, and Accessory Cavities, has been received; and the fact that the first edition of this book was exhausted in a little more than a year, is sufficient to indicate that it was needed. Several additions have been made, among the most noteworthy being articles on croupous rhinitis, and cysts of the middle turbinated bone, which were imperfectly treated in the former issue. The chapter on nasal respiration, which commences the treatise is most thorough and scientific, presenting

many new points for consideration, elucidating by practical experiments, many features of nasal breathing hitherto unknown, or shrouded in doubt. The classification of chronic rhinitis is excellent, and will do much to educate the masses of general practitioners into a proper comprehension of true hypertrophy of the turbinated tissue as distinguished from vascular tumefaction of the erectile bodies, an error into which many specialists have frequently fallen from want of proper consideration of the subject.

In discussing the etiology of nasal polypus, the author differs in his views from many observers, notably Woakes, who believes that polypus is always indicative of caries of the turbinated bones. McDonald holds this view erroneous, and we think correctly so. In the chapter on nasal neuroses, the author's views on idiopathic rhumorrhœa, and hay asthma are given in a masterly manner, and from the large clinical advantages at his disposal, are entitled to the greatest possible consideration. Other parts of the work highly to be commended, are the chapters devoted to the study of chronic rhinitis as affecting the ethmoid bone, and diseases of the accessory cavities of the nose, including empyema of the antrum. On the whole, we are disposed to consider this work as one of the most complete and masterly expositions of nasal disease ever published, and take great pleasure in recommending its careful perusal to the general practitioner and specialist, who will find embodied within its covers the scientific views of probably the ablest rhinologist in Europe.

THE MEDICAL ANNUAL AND PRACTITIONER'S INDEX, 1882. Toronto agents: Carveth & Co.

This publication has been ten years in existence, and fills a place previously vacant in medical literature. The size of the volume is necessarily increasing year by year, as new facts are added to the store of medical knowledge. The compilation of matter contained in these volumes is done by experts, who boil down the various articles contributed during the year. The reference system to preceding numbers of the *Annual* makes the reading of the essentials of any case easy, and fairly complete. We commend the series and the 1892 volume to our readers as of much practical, every-day use.