

boyhood. He thought it was a very common thing to find the prepuce contracted in children, and that needless operations were often performed. He thought that as age advanced, the condition generally righted itself. A discussion ensued upon the subject, and several cases were cited where reflex symptoms were cured by the removal of the prepuce.

A communication from Dr. Hillary, of Annotto Bay, Jamaica, was then read, regarding an autopsy in which air was found in the right auricle of the heart and in the gall bladder, and there was also general emphysema. The patient had died suddenly. The Society then adjourned.

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### Books and Pamphlets.

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1st. A HANDBOOK OF UTERINE THERAPEUTICS, AND OF DISEASES OF WOMEN. By Edward John Tilt, M.D. Fourth edition.

2nd. A TREATISE ON DISEASES OF THE EYE. By Henry D. Noyes, M.D., A.M.

3rd. LECTURES ON DISEASES OF CHILDREN. By Edward Henoch, of Berlin.

It is now a long time since the Preacher said, "Of making many books there is no end." He very truly added, "Much study is a weariness of the flesh." In his days the printing press had not even become a subject of prophecy. What would he think, were he now to revisit our planet, of the overwhelming profusion of ever-multiplying issues of new books, of all sorts and sizes, which threaten, not merely to weary the flesh, but actually to wear every vestige of it off the bones of those who strive to keep within the domain of modern bibliolatri? These reflections are forced upon us by the sight of only half-a-dozen of the numerous volumes submitted to our criticism by the enterprising publishers of New York and Philadelphia, among whom it might go without saying that the house of Wm. Wood & Co. still persist in occupying the first rank, and accordingly we have to acknowledge our obligations for the above valuable publications.

THE POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY for May, 1882. New York: D. Appleton & Company. Fifty cents per number, \$5 per year.

The contents of the May number are varied and substantial, without being striking or exceptional. "The Methods and Profit of Tree Planting," by N. H. Egleston, is an interesting article devoted to the remedy, practical benefits and rules of successful tree-culture. Herbert Spencer, in a short arti-

cle, gives his estimate, which is not very high, of "Goldwin Smith as a critic." Dr. Rutherford speculates on the causes, and offers a new theory on the "Diffusion of Odors." R. W. Lovett discourses on "The Development of the Senses," and Dr. Bachelor gives some information on "The Tree that bears Quinine." There is a full and very entertaining "Sketch of Sir John Lubbock," besides many other interesting articles, and an unusual budget of miscellaneous matter at the close of the number.

THE OPIUM HABIT AND ALCOHOLISM, by Fred. H. Hubbard; published by A. S. Barnes & Co., New York.

This "*unus e pluribus*" contribution to the therapeutics of inebriety will be much prized by all those who desire to enrich their libraries with books which tend to enhance the reputation of the possessor. By far the greater part of it is given to the exposition, by illustrative cases, of the treatment pursued by the author, which, no doubt, was attended with that uniform success which proves an irresistible stimulus to all earnest philanthropists. The field of practical utility is ample enough to warrant the hope that this work will be largely sought after.

SUPPRESSION OF URINE—CLINICAL DESCRIPTIONS AND ANALYSIS OF SYMPTOMS, by E. P. Fowler, M.D., with 39 clinical cases, etc.

This little volume commends itself by its brevity, and perhaps the colored plate in the front will contribute not a little to its attractiveness, though the multitude of tabular expositions which must have cost the compiler a great amount of labor, will hardly be dwelt upon by the reader with that interest and patience which the zeal and industry of the author should command.

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### Births, Marriages and Deaths.

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On the 13th ult., Dr. Munro, St. Denis Street, Montreal, aged 75 years.

On the 19th ult., Frederick H. Wright, M.D., etc., son of Dr. H. H. Wright, Toronto, aged 30 years.

On the 15th ult., Dr. H. Bingham, of Manilla, Ont., aged 56 years.