

"Ziemssen's Cyclopædia," as the writers of it better understand the wants of the English and Canadian physicians. It presents within as small a compass as is consistent with its practical utility, such an account of all that constitutes both the natural history of disease, and the science of pathology, as will be of service in either preventing the occurrence, detecting the presence, or guiding the treatment of special forms of disease. We cordially recommend this work to those who desire a complete treatise on the history, pathology and treatment of disease. Sold by subscription only. Price, per vol., cloth, \$5; in leather, \$6. The second volume has also been issued, and the third and last will appear shortly.

PARACENTESIS OF THE PERICARDIUM, A CONSIDERATION OF THE SURGICAL TREATMENT OF PERICARDIAL EFFUSIONS. By John B. Roberts, A.M., M.D., Lecturer on Anatomy in the Philadelphia School of Anatomy, &c., &c. With illustrations. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co. Toronto: Hart & Rawlinson.

This is the only work of the kind with which we are acquainted. It is an ably and sensibly written book, containing about 100 pages, and must prove acceptable to the profession, and especially to the surgeon.

A DICTIONARY OF GERMAN TERMS USED IN MEDICINE—By Geo. R. Cutter, M.D., Surgeon to the New York Eye and Ear Hospital, etc. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Toronto: Willing & Williamson.

This work will be found useful to those interested in the German who are not quite familiar with the technical terms and words in that language. It is the only work of the kind.

THE ALIENIST AND NEUROLOGIST. Edited by C. H. Hughes, M.D., St. Louis.

We have much pleasure in welcoming to our exchange list the above quarterly, of which we have received the first number. The contents are very instructive, and bear evidence of coming from the pens of men who know whereof they treat.

The first article, by Dr. Curwen, on "the Construction and Direction of Insane Asylums," is deserving of the careful attention of all officials entrusted with such duties.

The second article, by George M. Beard, M.D., of New York, treats of "the Sequences of Neu-

ræsthenia," and is, as might be expected from its author, a valuable contribution.

The third, from the able pen of the editor, on "Patellar Tendon Reflex," throws some valuable light on this newly introduced diagnostic element.

The fourth, on "Aphasia and Agraphia," by D. Dean, M.D., is far more interesting than lengthy. The fifth, on "Cerebral Thermometry," is the first part of a translation from the Italian of *Maragliano and Sepelli*, by Dr. J. Workman, of Toronto. This is a new field of clinical enquiry, which must be largely cultivated before the value of the products can be justly appreciated.

No. six is a highly interesting article on "Important Nervous Diseases, following Enucleation of the Eyeball," and has been contributed by Geo. T. Stevens, M.D., of Albany.

Nos. seven and nine, by Pliny Earle, M.D., Superintendent of the Insane Asylum at Northampton, Mass., are, like everything from the pen of this clear and clever writer, sensible and forcible, and exhibit in unmistakable terms a fact which we have long regarded as demanding more careful enquiry than has hitherto been given to it—to wit, the high exaggeration of the ratio of curability of the insane, by the early writers on the subject.

The eighth article, on "Syphilitic Hypochondriasis," by Alan McLane Hamilton, M.D., is a useful contribution, which should teach young practitioners that they will do well, in diagnosing delicate infirmities, to trust more to their own clinical sagacity and experience, than to the sanctimonious odour of their patients.

The selections, making up the residue of the *Alienist*, are well chosen, and if Dr. Hughes keeps up his journal to its initiative mark of merit, and as much above it as we have reason to anticipate, it must prove a valuable exponent of the branches treated of in its columns.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

On the 16th January, at Merton Villa, Nevis, West Indies, the Rev. James Bovell, M.D., formerly of Toronto, Ont., in the 63rd year of his age.

On the 29th of December, 1879, Dr. J. R. Ash, of Centreville, Ont., in the 64th year of his age.

On the 22nd ult., Dr. A. Higinbotham, of Belleville, in the 62nd year of his age.

On the 21st ult., in Detroit, R. W. Burnham, M.D., C.M., of Port Hope, in the 42nd year of his age.

In Hamilton, on the 24th ult., Charles F. A. Locke, M.D., C.M., in the 30th year of his age.