

one of the most interesting sections of the book. The conclusions arrived at by the authors will, no doubt, materially modify the views of the profession on diseases of the spleen and the best methods of treating them. The field for operative measures is considerably broadened. To the pathologist, the internist and the surgeon this book will come as a welcome visitor.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### HARD MONTH ON HEALTH

The health record of Toronto for the month of February compares favorably with January, but is not nearly as good as was the record for February a year ago. Tuberculosis cases showed a big drop, but there was a considerable increase in the number of cases of other communicable diseases. The comparison:

|                           | 1918.<br>Feb., | 1917.<br>Feb., | 1918<br>Jan. |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Diphtheria .....          | 138            | 102            | 148          |
| Scarlet fever .....       | 129            | 42             | 122          |
| Typhoid fever .....       | 7              | 4              | 8            |
| Measles .....             | 344            | 332            | 295          |
| Smallpox .....            | 1              | 2              | ..           |
| Tuberculosis .....        | 44             | 77             | 155          |
| Chickenpox .....          | 87             | 63             | 137          |
| Whooping cough .....      | 44             | 21             | 75           |
| Mumps .....               | 87             | 26             | 113          |
| Spinal meningitis .....   | 1              | 3              | 3            |
| Erysipelas .....          | 7              | 5              | 7            |
| Infantile paralysis ..... | ..             | 1              | 1            |

### DECREASE IN DEATHS

A falling off in the number of births and deaths in February, compared with the same month last year, is reported for Toronto. There was, however, an increase in marriages from 335 to 353. The figures are as follows:

|                 | Feb.,<br>1918. | Feb.,<br>1917. | Jan.<br>1918 |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Births .....    | 913            | 958            | 1011         |
| Marriages ..... | 353            | 335            | 379          |
| Deaths .....    | 525            | 551            | 543          |