

Lectures on the Principles and Practice of Medicine. By N. S. DAVIS, A.M., M.D., LL.D. Chicago: Jansen, McClung & Co.

This new treatise on medicine presents many commendable features. The clinical histories of the various diseases are very fully presented, and give evidence of the power of observation and great experience of the author. The treatment of disease is also dealt with in an exhaustive manner, and many remedies and modes of treatment adopted are peculiar to the writer. In our opinion the principal defects of the book are want of accuracy and clearness in classifying the symptoms of many of the diseases, and a want of recognition of recent pathological and clinical observations. The latter is most prominently shown in the chapter on diseases of the spinal cord. Very little is said of the important discoveries of Charcot, Erb, and other modern neurologists. The recent investigations in bacteriology have been either passed over or spoken of from a biased standpoint. The large number of prescriptions distributed throughout the work are of doubtful utility. The quantities are given according to the metrical system, the equivalents in ordinary apothecaries' measure being given in brackets.

Personal.

Dr. Chisolm, of Arthur, has removed to Erin. Dr. Campbell has removed from Paisley to Florence.

Dr. Brouse, of Brockville, was married to Miss Allen, of Hamilton, October 15th.

Dr. Atherton, of Fredericton, N.B., has removed to Toronto.

Dr. Austin Flint, jun., after having devoted himself exclusively to Physiology for several years, has resumed the practice of his profession.

Prof. Huxley is in poor health. He will probably leave England for a few months. He may spend the time in Venice.

Dr. J. H. McCollum, of Toronto, has been appointed a medical examiner under the Civil Service Act.

Dr. E. M. Hewish (Toronto, 1883) passed the final of the Royal College of Surgeons, England, on October 23rd.

Dr. W. G. Anglin, of Kingston, Ont., has been appointed resident physician to the Hospital for Sick Children at Edinburgh.

Drs. J. L. Davison and Eduard Furrer (Trinity, 1884,) passed the primary examination before the Royal College of Surgeons, England, in October.

Mr. G. S. Shaver, a student of the Toronto School of Medicine, received a compound fracture of both bones of leg while playing football at Weston on Thanksgiving day.

Sir Lyon Playfair, the representative of Edinburgh and St. Andrews Universities, will be opposed by Mr. Macdonald, Dean of Faculty, at the next election.

A Berlin medical says one of the specialists of New York has made five millions of dollars by his practice. The *Medical Record* asks if this paragraph is a scheme to flood New York with Berlin specialists.

Dr. Osler, of Philadelphia, will deliver the Gulstonian Lectures for 1885 at the College of Physicians; Dr. Herman Weber will deliver the Croonian; and Sir Andrew Clark, the Lumleian Lectures.

MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY OF MONTREAL.—The officers recently elected are: President, Dr. Roddick; Vice-Presidents, Drs. Alloway and Trenholme; Treasurer, Dr. Molson; Secretary, Dr. Gurd; Librarian, Dr. Reed.

Dr. Winstanley expects to leave Toronto during this month (December) for California, and will be accompanied by his family. He may remain in California. He will carry with him the best wishes of his friends, including every member of the profession of Toronto. Last month he presented a number of valuable books to the Toronto School of Medicine Medical Society for the library.

SERIOUS MORTALITY AMONG DOCTORS FROM CHOLERA.—Twenty medical practitioners have died in Naples, out of one hundred and thirty-nine engaged in attending cholera patients, under the White Cross Society, during the recent epidemic.