

chapter treats of narcotics, and the seventh concludes with a *resume* of what has gone before.

The work, which on the whole is to be commended, contains many views which are peculiar, and which will not readily be adopted by the general reader.

L'AIMÉE, OR "A FRIEND."—Amongst the interesting items of literary intelligence in Paris at the present time, it may be mentioned that Madame Durand, better known to the world of readers under the name of Henry Greville, has made a contract with Miss Helen Stanley, a correspondent of the New York Evening Post, whereby she will hereafter translate all of Henry Greville's novels from the original manuscript in French, into English, for their publication in America simultaneously with their appearance in Paris. By this arrangement they will retain all their flavor, Miss Stanley having both the ability and conscientiousness requisite for doing them justice. She has just finished translating "L'Aimée," or "A Friend," and the manuscript of it has been forwarded from Paris to T. B. Peterson & Brothers, Philadelphia, who will publish it in America.

The scene of the story of "L'Aimée," or "A Friend," is laid in Paris, at the present time, and shows eminently, Henry Greville's great talent for analyzing character. She draws her pictures in a way she possesses above all others, and this story of French home life in Paris will touch many hearts, as it shows how the love of a true and good woman will meet with its reward and triumph at the last. Had Henry Greville never written another work, this one alone would establish her fame.

REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH LEGISLATION OF ONTARIO.

The report of the committee sets forth the fact which is well known to medical men, that a large proportion of the sickness in the Province is preventable, and that only comparatively inexpensive measures are necessary to effect a decided change for the better.

Foul air and impure water, inefficient drainage, and want of proper ventilation, are the principal causes of disease, and these ought not to be difficult to remove, with proper sanitary administration, which is much needed. The education of the public in the general laws of health, is deemed by

the committee, and rightly we think, to be of the first importance. It is to be hoped the Legislature will devise some measures by which this may be done.

"THE POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY" for October. This number opens with an illustrated popular article by Prof. J. S. Newberry, of Columbia College, on "The Geological History of New York Island and Harbor," and contains articles by Bain, Huxley, Spencer, Kirkwood, Brooks, and other eminent home and foreign writers.

AN ANIMATED MOLECULE, AND ITS NEAREST RELATIONS. By Daniel Clark, M.D. Medical Superintendent of the Asylum for the Insane, Toronto; late President of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Ontario.

A short review of the above will appear in our next.

THE MORAL NATURE AND THE GREAT SYMPATHETIC. By R. M. Bucke, M.D., Superintendent, Asylum for Insane, London.

Notice in our next issue.

LADY DOCTORS.—*London Med. Times and Gazette*: It has been wickedly remarked that a lady who practices medicine commits two faults: she increases the number of doctors, and diminishes the number of women.

SUCCESSFUL OVARIOTOMY BY A FEMALE SURGEON. The first case of ovariectomy by a woman on the Pacific Coast has been lately performed in this city by Mrs. Charlotte B. Brown, M.D. It has proved an eminent success, and the patient has entirely recovered — *Pacific Medical Journal*.

DIAGNOSIS OF PREGNANCY.—Dr. Goodell calls attention to the following sign of pregnancy:—"When the neck of the uterus appears to you as hard as the end of your nose, pregnancy should not exist; if it appear to you as soft as your lips, the uterus probably contains a fetus."

THE COLOR OF THE RETINA.—Probably the most interesting discovery of the past year in physiology is that made by Boll, that the retina possesses in health a peculiar red color, which is constantly being destroyed by the influence of light, and is as constantly being regenerated by the ordinary processes of nutrition. The "vision red" or "erythopsin," as its discoverer names it, attains its maximum after a night's rest and sleep, or when