

done, and physicians cease to be the servants of contending parties in the Courts, it will be but a brief period until we are entirely rid of the odium which professional expert testimony has brought upon us.

ANTITOXINE.

Antitoxin or Antitoxine.—The *British Medical Journal*, in speaking lately of this word, points out that the name was originally copyrighted by the proprietor of one of the new coal-tar compounds, which is used, it is said, with much success as an antipyretic, having no depressing action on the heart. As the *British Medical Journal* says, it is a question whether the copyright will be able to hold its own against usage, as the term antitoxine is generally applied to the serum for diphtheria, tetanus, etc. It is a question how far either of the names are pathologically correct. However, judges are not pathologists, so it may easily be decided which will win.

HEALTH NUMBER.

We are sure that the profession will appreciate the space we have given this month to the reports of the Board of Health, as it places the many physicians in town and country, who are frequently consulted in regard to this question, *en rapport* with the present work of the Board. Our thanks for the reports in the present issue are due to one of the members of our staff, Dr. J. J. Cassidy, member and ex-chairman of the Provincial Board of Health.

Book Notices.

White's Materia Medica. Edited by WILCOX SECORD. American edition, \$3. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co.

This work is one of those which naturally become a sort of companion to the physician, being of such a size, compact, condensed yet authoritative, that it becomes invaluable for ready reference. Those who have had the first edition are aware of its merits, those who have not should lose no time in becoming acquainted with them.

Orthopedic Surgery for Students and Practitioners. Illustrated with two hundred and eighty-five woodcuts. Philadelphia: Lea, Bros., & Co.

This is, indeed, all that it claims to be, and while the art of illustrating has advanced greatly in recent years, we cannot say that the illustrations excel the clearness and lucidity of the text. As the most recent and thorough exposition of surgical science in the treatment of deformities, this book should be in the hands of every practitioner.

Directions for Laboratory Work in Bacteriology. By FRED. NOVEY. Ann Arbor, Mich.: Geo. Water.

The science of Bacteriology has been so simplified as regards the almost mechanical manipulation, that it should be almost a hobby for every physician to rest him by change of occupation. Some of Koch's greatest work was done as a country doctor, and certainly in all such matters as examination of sputum, etc., etc., we should hardly expect to see