

*Recent Additions to Canadian Filicinee.*—From Trans. Royal Society, Canada; by T. J. W. BURGESS, M.B., London, Ont.

*Method in Medical Study.* By CHAS. H. MAY, M.D., instructor in ophthalmology, New York Polyclinic, etc. Reprinted from *New York Surgical Journal*.

*Urticaria Pigmentosa, or Xanthelasmaidea.* By THOMAS COLCOTT FOX, M.B., Physician for Diseases of the Skin to the Westminster Hospital, and Assistant Physician to the Victoria Hospital for Children.

*The Simplest and most Efficient Treatment of Diphtheria.* Read before the American Laryngological Association, at its eighth Annual Congress, 1886. By W. H. DALY, M.D., Pittsburgh, Pa., Senior Physician to the Western Pennsylvania Hospital; Senior Physician for diseases of the Nose, Throat and Chest to the Pittsburg Free Dispensary, etc.

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### Obituary.

We notice with regret the death of John T. Gray, M.D., LL.D., Superintendent of the New York State Insane Asylum. Physicians in this city will remember Dr. Gray as one of the most active members of the Association of Asylum Superintendents which met here some years ago.

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### Personal.

Dr. C. J. C. O. Hastings has returned from a few months' visit to the hospitals of England and Scotland.

Dr. J. M. McCallum arrived last week from London, England, where he has spent six months in visiting the hospitals, and attending the various clinics given there. He will practice with Dr. U. Ogden on Carlton Street, Toronto.

Dr. W. H. B. Aikins has returned and resumed practice at 68 Gerrard Street East. During his six months absence the doctor visited the Hospitals of Vienna, and devoted consider-

able attention to the study of pathology and bacteriology in that city. He speaks very highly of the facilities for study, and of the teaching done in that great medical centre.

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### Miscellaneous.

A NOVEL METHOD OF MAKING GOOD HOUSE-SERVANTS.—In a discussion on laparotomy, at the meeting of the American Medical Association, it was stated that in Central Asia little girls were castrated just before menstruation, and in this condition they made very useful house-servants.

An Irishman was being sued for non-payment of his doctor's bill. In answer to the judge's inquiry why he refused to pay, he said: "What for should I pay? Shure he didn't give me anything but some emetics, and divil a wan of thim could I kape on my stomach at all, at all."

Sir Andrew Clarke declares that one-half of the population of London is permanently ill. His definition of health is: That state in which the body is not consciously present to us; that state in which work is easy and duty not over a great trial; the state in which it is a joy to see, to think, to feel, and to be.

Drumine, a new Australian local anæsthetic, has been discovered and described by Dr. John Reid (*Australian Medical Gazette*, October 1886). Drumine is the alkaloid from *Euphorbia Drummondii*, and is an almost tasteless substance, soluble in chloroform and water, and producing local anæsthesia of mucous membranes in a way similar to cocaine.—*N. Y. Med. Record*.

Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson is thus described by a correspondent of the *North Carolina Medical Journal*: "He seems scarcely more than fifty years old, is tall, rather thin and round-shouldered, has dark hair and dark complexion, an intelligent but homely face, and might pass himself off at the State Fair or anywhere else as a North Carolina farmer, without the slightest fear of suspicion."