

in bringing the business to its present state of prosperity. The Subscription and Publication departments will be conducted as heretofore. The Trade Book department will be under the management of Mr. W. D. Watson, whose connection with the house has extended over the past eight years, and who has demonstrated his ability to manage that department with efficiency and success.

Selections.

THE TREATMENT OF GONORRHEA BY METHYLENE BLUE.—Specifics for gonorrhœa are nearly as plentiful as panacœa for tuberculosis and meet with about an equal measure of success. This, however, would not justify a refusal to take cognizance of plausible suggestions for treatment, indeed the very futility of existing methods of treatment constitutes, on the contrary, a reason why we should be on the *qui vive* for useful suggestions. The latest departure is the use of methylene blue internally and as an injection. This anilin compound is reputed to exert a specific influence on the gonococcus, but it is also fatal to the various pyogenic bacteria of mixed infections. In an interesting article, embodying considerable personal experience with the drug, Dr. O'Neill, of New York, describes the method which he has found to answer best. He does not say much in favor of urethral injections of this agent which are inconvenient on account of its marked staining properties, but he advocates its internal administration in four one-grain doses daily. The formula which experience has shown to be safe and serviceable, is as follows: Methylene blue, 1 gr. ; oil of nutmeg, 1 gtt. ; oil of sandalwood, 2 gtt. ; put up in gelatine capsules. It is claimed that by this method a cure may be effected within a fortnight, or even less, but we are not in a position to affirm that equally good results will be obtained under different climatic conditions, for many of these rapid "cures" seem to fail when transplanted to our latitude.—*Medical Press and Circular*.

URIC ACID AND ITS ELIMINATION.—Editorially (*The Medical Brief*, February, 1900) this vital subject is ably considered. Investigation strengthens the belief that eating too much meat is responsible for the formation of uric acid in disease-producing quantities. To dispose of meat satisfactorily gastric digestion must be active, the constitution well supplied with fluids and the organs more or less actively engaged in growth and development. These conditions cease to exist when adult life