

Sir Rickman Godlee, Baronet, President of the Royal College of Surgeons, England, had the degree of doctor of laws conferred on him at a special convocation of the University of Toronto on the 5th of November. The distinguished recipient was introduced by Professor I. H. Cameron. Sir Rickman gave an address to the Academy of Medicine the evening of the 4th on foreign bodies in the air passages, was tendered several private luncheons and dinners while in Toronto, and was a guest, the evening of the 5th, of the Æsculapian Club, at which the Hon. W. J. Hanna, Provincial Secretary, delivered a humorous, interesting and forcible address on the work Ontario was prosecuting in connection with Prison Reform.

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*The Stomach and Oesophagus.* A radiographic study. By ALFRED E. BARCLAY, M.A., M.D., B.C. (Cantab.), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Officer to the X-ray and electrical departments of the Manchester Royal Infirmary, &c., &c. Price, \$2.25. Toronto: The Macmillan Company of Canada, Limited.

The great amount of excellent work done with the X-rays upon the abdominal organs in the past few years, stamps this book of the utmost value to the physician and surgeon. It was Sir William Osler and Sir Clifford Allbutt especially who urged the publication of what was originally a prize thesis in book form. It reforms our knowledge as given us by the anatomist of the position of the stomach and other abdominal organs. It certainly establishes the X-ray as a valuable factor in diagnosis. The writer, however, in our judgment, should have incorporated some pictures, purposely left out, of the abdominal organs, particularly the stomach in the position ordinarily used by the clinician in arriving at a diagnosis. As the supply is a limited one, orders for the book should be early placed with the Macmillan Company, St. Martin's House, Bond Street, Toronto.