

Correspondence.

"Sanarelli's Autobiography."

COYLESVILLE, N. J., Sept. 26, 1899.

To the Editor:—Please send me a copy of the JOURNAL of September 9, in which you editorially criticise a fulsome, ostensibly autobiographic, notice of Professor Sanarelli, recently appearing in the *N. Y. Herald*. I am a personal friend of Professor Sanarelli, in constant correspondence with him, and I can assure you that he had nothing to do with the said notice, which was made up from fragmentary information by an Italian lawyer and a physician whose name I do not now remember. I can assure you that when Sanarelli learns of the publication, he will be much displeased at this piece of graphomaniac impudence of the legal gentleman, who, I may add, demanded in an Italian paper the greater part of the credit of producing that "autobiography."

You will see my name in the last number (September 23) of the *Medical News*, which publishes one of my articles. Trusting that you will wish to publish this rectification, I remain,
Yours respectfully,
FELIX VITALE.

[Dr. Vitale's article referred to, was noticed in the JOURNAL, September 30, ¶ 116, p. 854.—Ed.]

Canada.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

TORONTO, Sept. 30, 1899.

RESOLUTION RE DOMINION REGISTRATION.

The following is an exact copy of the Resolution unanimously adopted by the Canadian Medical Association at the recent meeting:

WHEREAS, The standards of education for the profession of medicine and surgery, and the qualifications for the practice of the profession, vary in each of the provinces of Canada, and the assimilation of these standards, and, if practicable, the establishment of uniform standards throughout the Dominion are desirable; and

WHEREAS, In consequence of the provisions of the Acts of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, known as the "Medical Acts," medical and surgical practitioners, who are by the law of a Province of Canada entitled to practice the profession in such province, can not obtain the benefits of registration under the said Acts, inasmuch as by the said provisions, the qualifications required for such registration must be regulated by the Parliament of Canada; and

WHEREAS, Medical and surgical practitioners, duly registered according to the law of one province of Canada, can not legally practice in another province without being duly registered in such province; and

WHEREAS, Serious practical inconveniences both to the public and to medical and surgical practitioners have arisen from the above cause; and

WHEREAS, It is desirable to assimilate, and, if possible, to unify the various standards of qualification established by the several provinces of Canada as conditions of admission to the study of the profession and to the practice thereof, such assimilation and unification being first attained by the establishment of some central authority with power to hold examinations of, and to establish and maintain a system of medical registration of, such persons as desire to practice the profession in more than one province of Canada; and

WHEREAS, It is not within the legislative jurisdiction of the provinces of Canada to establish such central authority, the jurisdiction of such provinces being restricted to the limits of the province and to provincial objects only; and

WHEREAS, It is expedient to constitute a corporation in which the legislatures of the various provinces may, if they see fit so to do, vest such powers as are necessary to effect the above purposes, and the other purposes mentioned in this Act: and

WHEREAS, The appointment of such an authority is for the general benefit of Canada, and would promote the advancement of medicine and surgery throughout the Dominion of Canada: therefore be it

Resolved, That this Association heartily approves of the proposed scheme which the committee has formulated and presented at this meeting; and further

Resolved, That Dr. Roddick be empowered and requested to continue his efforts to have the scheme completed and carried into effect, by such legislation as may be found necessary.

SANITARY PROGRESS IN NOVA SCOTIA.

In the opinion of Dr. A. P. Reid, secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, Nova Scotia is away behind the times in this respect, the province being very poorly equipped should an epidemic appear. Health laws they have in abundance, good as far as they go, but as there is no proper and efficient means of putting these in force, they are, for all practical purposes, almost obsolete. Thirty years ago they had a statistical office for the registration of marriages, births, deaths, etc., but it has not been much used since 1867. The secretary contends for the immediate establishment of this on modern lines. The municipal councils now appoint health officers for each county; but the perfunctory manner in which their duties are performed contributes to the disadvantages of this system. Dr. Reid calls for the appointment of medical men to these positions, and that they receive proper remuneration for the service rendered. Their duty would be to advise the provincial health secretary every quarter, of the state of health of the respective municipalities under their charge; and also immediate notification of any epidemic that might appear from time to time in their midst. For the past two years, the Provincial Board of Health has tried to keep a record of the sanitary state of the province, but the desired result has not been attained, owing to the fact that there was a lack of definite regulations on the subject. About two years ago, the Board instituted a department of bacteriology, which has proved eminently servicable to the profession and the public. This gives to any one in the province facilities for the examination of phthisic sputum, so that they may be enabled to satisfy themselves as to the presence of this disease in the lungs. The fee of \$1 is charged.

HUNTING CANCER STATISTICS.

Dr. Arthur C. Duffy of London, Eng., a member of the British Cancer Society, has recently been in Toronto for the purpose of interviewing leading physicians and the secretary of the Provincial Board of Health with regard to the prevalence of cancer in this city and province. He has stated that one of the purposes of the Society, of which he is the delegate, is to secure the creation of a Royal commission to investigate the disease. He has found that cancer is not so prevalent in Ontario as in other countries, the annual death-rate from it in this province being about 0.41 per 1000 of the population, which is about two-sevenths of the death-rate from consumption. He drew the attention of the secretary, Dr. Bryce, to his report in 1889, which states that cancer was then on the increase in Ontario; but since that time the increase was not so perceptible. Dr. Duffy gives it as his opinion that the disease is more prevalent in the well-to-do classes.

SEWERAGE QUESTION IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

Fredericton, N. B., is calling on its civic authorities to immediately propound a proper and effective sewerage system and to carry it to a successful and complete termination. The city is known to be an extended succession of cesspools, the soil is permeated with them, and if not attended to at once some day soon there will be a great awakening. There is a system of private sewers in the city, and the people are calling for the immediate closure of these and the establishment of a general sewerage system.

THE PROTESTANT HOSPITAL AT THE CAPITAL.

Mr. E. B. Eddy, Ottawa, who recently undertook to raise, by his own personal solicitations, a sufficient amount to wipe out the debt of this Hospital, has succeeded in accomplishing his task. Dr. A. F. Maybury, medical superintendent for the last two years, has retired to private practice, and it is stated that Dr. Graham of Toronto, formerly of Smith's Falls, will be his successor. The two house physicians for the current year are Drs. Whittier and Bowles, both of Ottawa.

ACTION AGAINST A HEALTH OFFICER.

Dr. Charles Sheard, M. H. O., Toronto; the mayor of the city; the city itself; and the members of the local board of health have been defendants in a suit for damages brought against them by a Miss Cummings, on account of alleged carelessness and negligence of the authorities of the Isolation Hospital in not taking proper precautions to guard against the spread of contagion in that institution. While an inmate of the Isolation Hospital, with diphtheria, the young woman claims she contracted scarlet fever through the aforesaid negligence, and for this she claimed damages; but as the plaintiff was unable to prove that she had had scarlet fever, the case was dismissed.

Books and Pamphlets Received.

Acknowledgement of all books received will be made in this column, and this will be deemed by us a full equivalent to those sending them. A selection from these volumes will be made for review as dictated by their merits, or in the interests of our readers.

AMERICAN POCKET MEDICAL DICTIONARY. Edited by W. A. Newman Dorland, A.M., M.D., assistant obstetrician to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania; Fellow of the American Academy of Medicine. Containing the Pronunciation and Definition of over 26,000 of the Terms used in Medicine and Kindred Sciences, along with over 60 extensive tables. Second Edition. Revised. 16mo., flexible covers. Pp. 518. Price, \$1.20, net. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders, 1899.

ASTHMA. Recent Developments in Its Treatment. By Ernest Kingscote, M.B., C.M., L.R.C.S. Edin. Illustrated. Octavo. Cloth. Pp. 184. London: Henry J. Glaiser, 1899.

BRAIN IN RELATION TO MIND. By J. Sanderson Christison, M.D. Octavo. Cloth. Pp. 136. Price, \$1.25. Chicago: Published by the Author. 1899.

A COMPEND OF THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE. By Daniel E. Hughes, M.D., chief resident physician, Philadelphia Hospital, etc. Sixth Physicians' Edition. Thoroughly Revised and Enlarged. Including a Section on Mental Diseases and a Very Complete Section on Skin Diseases. Octavo. Flexible Morocco. Pp. 626. Price, \$2.25. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son & Co. 1899.

COAKLEY ON THE NOSE AND THROAT. The Diagnosis and Treatment of Diseases of the Nose, Throat, Naso-Pharynx and Trachea. For the use of Students and Practitioners. By Cornelius G. Coakley, M.D., professor of laryngology in the University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York. In one handsome 12mo. volume of 536 pages with 92 engravings and 2 colored plates. Cloth, \$2.75, net. Philadelphia and New York: Lea Brothers & Co. 1899.

A COMPEND OF THE DISEASES OF THE EYE AND REFRACTION. Including Treatment and Surgery. By George M. Gould, A.M., M.D., and Walter L. Pyle, A.M., M.D. Second Edition. Revised and Enlarged. One hundred and nine illustrations. Svo. Cloth. Pp. 296. Price, 80c. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son & Co. 1899.

ENLARGEMENT OF THE PROSTATE, ITS TREATMENT AND RADICAL CURE. By C. Mansell Moullin, M.D. Oxon., F.R.C.S. Second Edition. Octavo. Cloth. Pp. 212. Price, \$1.75. London: H. K. Lewis; Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son & Co. 1899.

KIRKE'S HAND-BOOK OF PHYSIOLOGY. Fifteenth American Edition. Revised by Warren Coleman, M.D., professor of physiology in the Woman's Medical College in New York, etc., and Charles L. Dana, A.M., M.D., professor of nervous and mental diseases in the New York Post-Graduate Medical School, etc. One volume, 856 pages, Svo., profusely illustrated by 516 wood- engravings in black and colors, and by chromo-lithographic plate. Muslin, \$3.00, net; leather, \$3.75, net. New York: Wm. Wood & Co. 1899.

ON THE WASTING DISEASES OF INFANTS AND CHILDREN. By Eustace Smith, M.D., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, etc. Sixth Edition. Octavo. Cloth. Pp. 377. Price, \$2.00. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son & Co. 1899.

OVER 1000 PRESCRIPTIONS or Favorite Formulæ of Various Teachers, Authors and Practicing Physicians. The whole being carefully indexed, and including most of the newer remedies. Cloth, 300 pages, postpaid \$1.00. Detroit, Mich.: The illustrated Medical Journal Co.

PROGRESSIVE MEDICINE—VOLUME III. A quarterly digest of advances, Discoveries and improvements in the Medical and Surgical Sciences. Edited by Hobart Hare, M.D., Professor of Therapeutics and Materia Medica in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia. Octavo handsomely bound in cloth, 440 pages, 11 illustrations. Philadelphia and New York: Lea Brothers & Co.

THE RISE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE LIQUEFACTION OF GASES. By Willet L. Hardin, Ph.D. Octavo. Cloth op. 150. Price \$1.50. New York: The Macmillan Company. 1899.

SCHLEIF'S MATERIA MEDICA AND THERAPEUTICS. A manual of Materia Medica, Therapeutics, Medical Pharmacy, Prescription Writing and Medical Latin. For the use of Students and Practitioners of Medicine. By William Schleif, Ph.G., M.D., instructor in pharmacy in the University of Pennsylvania. In one very handsome 12mo. volume of 352 pages. Cloth, \$1.50, net. Philadelphia and New York: Lea Brothers & Co.

SURGICAL NURSING. A Compilation of the Lectures Upon Abdominal Surgery, Gynecology and General Surgical Conditions and Procedures, delivered to the classes in the Training School for Nurses connected with the Woman's Hospital of Philadelphia. By Anna M. Fullerton, clinical professor of gynecology in the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, etc. Third Edition. Revised and Enlarged, with 69 illustrations. Octavo. Cloth. Pp. 294. Price, \$1.00. Philadelphia; P. Blakiston's Son & Co. 1899.

A TREATISE ON SURGERY, BY AMERICAN AUTHORS. Edited by Roswell Park, M.D., professor of surgery in the University of Buffalo, N. Y. New condensed edition in one royal octavo volume of 1262 pages with 625 engravings, and 37 full-page plates in colors and monochrome. Cloth, \$6.00, net; leather, \$7.00, net. Philadelphia and New York: Lea Brothers & Co. 1899.

MINOR SURGERY AND BANDAGING. By Henry R. Wharton, M.D., demonstrator of surgery in the University of Pennsylvania. New (4th) edition. In one 12mo. volume of 594 pages, with 502 engravings, many being photographic. Cloth, \$3.00, net. Philadelphia and New York: Lea Brothers & Co. 1899.

PAMPHLETS RECEIVED.

Accidental Heart Murmurs. Geo. W. Webster, Chicago. Reprinted from the *JOURNAL*.

Advice to Gonorrhœal Patients. Ferd. C. Valentine, New York. Reprinted from *Phila. Med. Jour.*

Anesthesia; Nitrous Oxide; Ether; Chloroform. S. Ormon Golden, New York. Reprinted from *N. Y. Medical Journal*.

Anesthetizer as a Specialist. D. H. Galloway, Chicago. Reprinted from *Phila. Med. Jour.*

Angioneurotic Edema. H. F. Slifer, North Wales, Pa. Reprinted from *Phila. Med. Jour.*

Appendicitis. Chas. J. Whalen, Chicago. Reprinted from *Phila. Med. Jour.*

Cerebrospinal Meningitis. J. W. Porter, Midway, Kans. Reprinted from *Trans. Kan. Med. Soc.*

Ectopic Pregnancy. With Report of Fourteen Cases. A. McLaren, St. Paul, Minn. Reprinted from *St. Paul Med. Jour.*

Empyema of Gall-Bladder. J. E. Summers, Jr., Omaha. Reprinted from *Western Med. Rev.*

Etiology of Movable Kidney. C. S. Bacon, Chicago. Reprinted from *Am. Gyn. and Obst. Jour.*

Eudoxine in Pediatric Practice. Gustavus M. Blech, Chicago. Reprinted from *N. Y. Med. Jour.*

Gastro-Enterostomy: Indications and Report of Cases. Byron B. Davis, Omaha. Reprinted from *Western Med. Rev.*

Gunshot Wounds: History of Cases. J. B. Mahon, Wilkesbarre, Pa. Reprinted from *Trans. Luzerne Co. Med. Soc.*

Hernia. A. McLaren, St. Paul, Minn. Reprinted from *Northwestern Lancet*.

How I Cure Tuberculosis. Edwin Klebs, Chicago. Reprinted from *Jour. of Sci. Med.*