

chloroform, being heavy, is also eliminated but slowly from the lungs, and the patient will be more or less poisoned thereby for some time.

The following officers of the section were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Dr. CHARLES A. POWERS, Denver, Col.; Secretary, Dr. E. WYLLES ANDREWS, Chicago.

### Recent Literature.

*The Diseases of Warm Countries, a Handbook for Medical Men.* By DR. B. SCHEUBE, State Physician and Sanitary Adviser, Greiz; late Professor at the Medical School in Kioto (Japan). Translated from the German by PAULINE FALCKE, with Addenda on Yellow Fever by JAMES CANTLIE, M.B., F.R.C.S., and on Malaria by C. W. DANIELS, M.B., M.R.C.S. Edited by JAMES CANTLIE, M.A., M.B., F.R.C.S., D.P.H., Lecturer of the London School of Tropical Medicine; Surgeon Seamen's Hospital Society, Albert Dock Hospital; Lecturer Applied Anatomy Charing Cross Hospital Medical School, London; Consulting Surgeon Alice Memorial Hospital, Hong Kong. With all the original colored maps, charts, illustrations, etc., together with many additional plates, from the *Journal of Tropical Medicine*. Second revised edition. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son & Co. 1903.

This volume of 594 pages is a translation by Pauline Falcke of the work of Dr. B. Scheube, and therefore appears for the first time in English. It is edited by James Cantlie, M.A., M.B., Lecturer in the London School of Tropical Medicine. The last few years have practically developed a new branch of medicine in the various diseases of the tropics and their relationship to affections common in temperate climates. The volume before us is an admirable, scientific, exhaustive presentation of these various diseases, amply illustrated and accompanied by excellent bibliographies, an attribute frequently missed in our modern medical books. The affections discussed include general infectious diseases, among which plague, yellow fever, beri-beri, leprosy, yaws and other less well-known affections are considered. Among diseases caused by intoxication, pellagra, lathyrism and snake venom poisoning find a place. A very considerable part of the volume is taken up with diseases caused by animal parasites and cutaneous and local diseases, together with certain organic affections, among which is included the so-called sleeping sickness. In all about forty-five different affections are discussed, all apparently in much detail. Although in some respects the subject matter seems distinct from our everyday practice, it is certainly true that the complete education of the modern physician demands increasingly a knowledge of the diseases endemic in tropical countries. It is, therefore, a source of congratulation that this most excellent work has been translated

into English, thereby rendering it available for a larger number of readers. The binding and typography is in the usual form of the publishers, and the full-page illustrations are, for the most part, instructive and well executed.

*A Textbook of Legal Medicine and Toxicology.* Edited by FREDERICK PETERSON, M.D., Chief of Clinic, Nervous Department of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York; and WALTER S. HAINES, M.D., Professor of Chemistry, Pharmacy and Toxicology, Rush Medical College, in affiliation with the University of Chicago. Two imperial octavo volumes of about 750 pages each, fully illustrated. Philadelphia, New York and London: W. B. Saunders & Co. 1903.

Dr. Frederick Peterson of New York and Dr. Walter S. Haines of Chicago act as sponsors for this new and somewhat exhaustive treatise on legal medicine and toxicology. The first volume, which alone has reached us, is comprised in 730 pages, including an index, and has as its contributors sixteen well-known names in the medical profession of this country, among which we observe Bailey, Da Costa, Eskridge, Ewing, Hammond, Hektoen, Jelliffe, Langdon and Peterson.

The object of the work is to provide both the medical and the legal professions with a comprehensive survey of forensic medicine and toxicology, a task which the editors believe has not been done in any recent book in English. The first volume is devoted wholly to legal medicine, in which particular attention is paid to laboratory investigation. The second volume it is designed to devote in part to the allied subject of toxicology.

The usual subjects of legal importance are treated in this first volume. The increasingly important matter of railroad injuries is discussed by two writers. The medical jurisprudence of life and of accident insurance is given a somewhat prominent position. Peterson writes upon the subject with which he is known to be particularly familiar, the stigmata of degeneration; insanity in general is from the pen of the late Dr. Eskridge. As in all volumes of multiple authorship, the value of the individual articles must depend upon the special fitness of their writers. Evidently excellent judgment has been used in this respect, and we shall therefore expect when this work is completed that it will stand as an expression of the best and most modern opinion upon the various matters of medico-legal interest, which with our increasingly complex civilization are of necessity absorbing more and more attention.

The volume is illustrated in part by colored reproductions, which do not to our mind convey a more definite impression of the lesions under consideration than would carefully prepared photographs in one color. The difficulty of successfully reproducing colors as they appear under pathological conditions is exemplified by these illustrations.