SOCIETY NOTICES.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY, }
 NO. 81 TWELFTH STREET, }
 WHEELING, W. VA., APRIL 28, 1884. }

Dear Doctor:—The Medical Society of the State of West Virginia will hold its seventeenth annual session at Clarksburg, commencing at 2 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, May 21, 1884.

The last meeting of the Society was rendered more than usually interesting by the intelligent discussion of the papers read. That the meetings may be made as profitable as possible to all who attend them, the subjects of the papers to be presented should be announced to the members before the meeting. To enable us to prepare and send out a programme, all those who contemplate presenting papers at the coming meeting are requested to send *the subject* at their earliest convenience.

We expect to secure reduced rates on railroads, and the Secretary will take pleasure in sending the necessary order to every member.

N. B.—The order for commutation must be procured before leaving home to attend the meeting.

Your ob't servant,

S. L. JEPSON, Secretary.

MISCELLANEOUS.

WE find some of the French journals are still venting their wrath upon our periodical medical literature, but as we cannot get the same amount of amusement out of their succeeding efforts as in the one published on page 277, and as our valued contemporary seems to think that publication *not* a kindly act, we forbear. But we really could not resist publishing that translation. The *Medical Record* has no cause to fear the publication of any such criticism in its own country; and it is so sweeping in its supposed application to the whole eternal Yankee Nation, with the saving clause at the end which singles out certain rapacious Anglo-Germans, that we could not allow it to remain in such obscurity.

PARALYSIS OF THE LITTLE FINGER OF THE LEFT HAND FOLLOWING AN INJECTION OF ETHER.—MM. Arnozan and Salvat report in the *Journal de Medicine de Bordeaux*, the case of a servant girl thirty-two years of age, who, while under treatment for broncho-pneumonia, received an injection of ether, by means of a Pravaz syringe, the needle of which was inserted under the skin of the internal surface of the left fore-arm, about its middle. At the time of the injection, pain was produced at the point of insertion; an hour or two later a swelling ensued of the size of a hen's egg, it was red, inflamed, and painful to the touch. When the patient wished to raise her hand, she felt a sense of weight from that point down to and including the hand. At the end of eight days, all these symptoms of pain and swelling had disappeared; but the day after the injection she noticed

that the little finger was completely flexed upon the hand, and she could not move it in any direction. Fifteen days later movement returned, but much less marked than normal. She did not call attention to this until five weeks had passed from the time of the injection, when it was found that she could not raise her little finger to the level of the ring finger. It was possible to extend the two last phalanges, but not to influence by extension the first phalanx upon the metacarpal bones. There was no diminution in size of the fore-arm, or other deformation. If pricked with a pin, she felt the movement, but experienced no pain, except when it was passed deep. The anæsthetic surface so mapped out occupied the region of the ulnar nerve, the limits of anæsthesia not being positive, as between the sensible and insensible points there was an intermediary zone. At the seat of the puncture were some small pimples, effaced easily by pressure, but they disappeared in from fifteen to eighteen hours, and there was no hæmorrhagic infiltration; these pimples were confined to the anæsthetic region. The application of electricity to the ulnar nerve produced a response of extension of the first phalanx, and under its systematic use for almost two weeks, perfect relief was afforded. There were no formications or pains in the anæsthetic region, the little finger simply felt heavy.

HYMENEAL.—Atkinson—Smith. At their home, April 4, 1884, by Rev. W. W. Barr, D.D., S. Jennie Smith and William B. Atkinson, M.D., all of Philadelphia. No cards.

NEW BOOKS.

Garrettson, J. E. Oral Surgery; a treatise on the diseases and surgery of the mouth, face, teeth, and associate parts. 4th ed. rev. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co. 8vo. Cl., \$8.

Hoppin, S. B. The Medical Directory of Philadelphia for 1884. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co. 12mo. 205 pp. Cl., \$1.50.

Huxley, T. H. Animal Atomatism and other Essays. New York: J. Fitzgerald. (Humboldt Lib., No. 53) 8vo. 49 pp. Paper, 15c.

Mitchell, S. Weir. Fat and Blood. An essay on the treatment of certain forms of neurasthenia and hysteria. 3d ed. rev., with additions. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co. 12mo. Cl., \$1.50.

Roberts, D. Lloyd. The Student's Guide to the Practice of Midwifery. 3d ed. 12mo. 394 pp. London: Churchill. 7s 6d.

Boullaran, F. De la compression des nerfs du membre supérieur à la suite des fractures. 8vo. 66 pp. Paris: Davy.

Brissé Saint-Macary, P. A. M. De la maladie kystique des mammelles. 8vo. 106 pp. Paris: Davy.

Broca, A., et A. Wins. Recherches sur la suralimentation envisagée, surtout dans le traitement de la phthisie pulmonaire. 8vo. 99 pp. Paris: Dom.

Cochez, A. De la recherche du bacille de la tuberculose dans les produits de l'expectoration. 8vo. 80 pp. Paris: Davy.

Connen, L. Du traitement prophylactique de l'ophtalmie des nouveau-nés par l'acide borique. 8vo. 35 pp. Paris: Davy.