

tice, and sufficiently disheartening to men with little private practice, who thus give without payment aid which otherwise they would get payment for, very much needed by them."

THE COST OF A MEDICAL EDUCATION.—This question is discussed at some length in the educational number of the *British Medical Journal*. The following summary is of interest as showing the cost of a medical training in London.

"As regards London, taking one of the more expensive schools and living at 40s. a week on the one hand, and one of the less expensive with living at 30s. on the other, and adding in each case the conjoint examination fees and £20 a year for clothes, we find the total expense of the five years' curriculum in London as follows:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Composition fee for school and hospital.....	157	10	0	115	0	0
Fees for instruction in vaccination and fevers.....	4	4	0	4	4	0
Materials (biology and chemistry), and "parts."	6	6	0	5	5	0
Clubs.....	8	8	0	5	5	0
Instruments, about.....	10	10	0	10	10	0
Books, about.....	10	10	0	10	10	0
Diploma fees.....	36	15	0	36	15	0
Five years of forty weeks at 40s. and 30s. a week respectively.....	400	0	0	300	0	0
Five years' clothing at £20.	100	0	0	100	0	0
Total.....	£734	3	0	£587	9	0

To this must be added provision for three vacations a year, with the necessary railway fares, or else proportionately increased charges for living. The only points in which this sum might be contracted are that in the fifth year it might be possible to act as assistant to a practitioner, and so diminish the expense of living; but it must be remembered that in this fifth year a good deal of hospital attendance has to be put in, besides preparing for the final examination; and that it is out of the question to expect to be able, even in that year, to pay one's way, and we would say at once that the examinations are now so severe that any at-

tempt to combine the work of a student with that of assistant, in the early years, is merely to court failure.

In the provinces we believe that the curriculum can be gone through at a considerably cheaper rate. Not only are the hospital and school fees somewhat lower, but the expense of living is less."

[Taking a very low estimate, and allowing the student to be six months each year in Toronto, the most careful student could not in Toronto go through his four years on less than \$1,500. If he did not live in the most economical manner, the amount would easily exceed the above. Indeed, to one who does not live in the city, when board, travelling, clothing, instruments, books, hospital, council and college fees are estimated, the above sum will not be found large. Then there is the student's time, at say \$400 a year, or a total of about \$3,000 all told.]

The death is announced of Dr. Graily Fiewitt, for many years Professor of Obstetrics in University College, London, aged 65. His name is known wherever obstetric medicine is taught.

In the article on Cholelithotomy, by Dr. Albert A. Macdonald, which appeared in our August number, the second word in the first line should have been "cholelithiasis."

The death is announced of Surgeon-Major Parke, who accompanied Stanley on his last expedition in Africa.

## Personals.

Dr. D. W. Montgomery has been appointed Professor of Diseases of the Skin both in the undergraduate and in the post-graduate department of the University of California.