

Toronto, who are undoubtedly entitled to the appellation.

For instance, Dr. A. has been known to accost a parent purchasing some article for a sick child under the care of another practitioner, proffering his services, though unasked. He has also offered to attend a lady at her forthcoming accouchment for less than one half the fee charged by her regular attendant.

Dr. B., in order to secure a surgical case proposed to give all other services free for a year if permitted to operate.

Dr. C., in order to secure attendance on a case (prospective obstetrics!), offered to give advice gratis to the husband, who was afflicted with a bodily ailment.

Now are not these worthy aspirants for the new degree?

I have not yet invented a title for the Toronto physician who gruffly tells his patient from a distance, when asked by her if she should not receive treatment from her regular attendant on her return home, that she had all the treatment necessary after one topical application by himself, thus leading her to distrust the opinion of the local physician, who had insisted on the necessity of repeated treatment applied to the cervix, the case being one of cervical endometritis.

Is this the kind of treatment due the rural practitioner by his metropolitan confrère? I am inclined to think that the word "snob" would apply to such an individual.

Before concluding I may say that some of the members of the Medical Council would require to pluck some good-sized beans out of their own eyes in order to discover the motes in those of their fellow-practitioners in reference to the publishing of operations in the lay papers.

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Book Notices.

Cyclopedia of the Diseases of Children, Medical and Surgical. By American, British and Canadian authors. Edited by John M. Keating, M.D. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co., 1889.

We were pleased to speak in the highest terms of the first volume of this Cyclopedia, and we are glad to find that the same high standard of

excellence is found in the second volume. There are five parts.

1. Diseases of the Skin.—A series of articles written by well known Dermatologists of the United States and Canada, including Hyde of Chicago, Hardaway of St. Louis, Bulkley of New York, VanHarligan of Philadelphia, Graham of Toronto, Atkinson of Baltimore, and others.

2. Constitutional Diseases, and Diseases of Nutrition, including Scrofulosis by Ashby of Manchester, Eng., Tuberculosis by Jacobi of New York, Syphilis by Post of Boston, the Urinary Diathesis by the late J. Milner Fothergill of London, etc.

3. Diseases of the Respiratory Tract, including Diseases of the Nose by Worland MacKenzie of Baltimore, McCoy of Philadelphia, Delavan of New York, Carl Seiler of Philadelphia and others; the Pharynx, by Fletcher Ingals of Chicago, Beverley Robinson of New York, and Harrison Allen of Philadelphia; the Larynx, including Laryngeal Stenosis, Sajous of Philadelphia, Tumors of Larynx, by Sir Morell MacKenzie of London; Spasmodic Laryngitis, Pseudomembranous Laryngitis and Intubation by Northrup of New York; Tracheotomy by Wharton of Philadelphia; Diseases of the Lungs by Minot, Shattuck, Jacobi, Whittier, etc.

4. Diseases of the Circulatory, Hæmato-poietic, and Glandular Systems, Da Costa, Osler (who takes Congenital Affections of the Heart), Mitchell Bruce of London, Warren, Ashhurst, etc.

5. Diseases of the Mouth, Tongue and Jaws, by Roswell Park, Darby, Allchin, Thompson and Mears.

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Twentieth Annual Report of the State Board of Health of Massachusetts. Boston: Wright & Potter Printing Co.

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A Reference Handbook of the Medical Sciences. Vol. viii. New York: Wm. Wood & Co., 56 and 58 Lafayette Place, 1889.

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