

the Caucasus. A private letter from that place states that his Imperial Highness is undergoing a most remarkable course of treatment. The walls in his apartments are bare and unpapered, the furniture is of plain wood or cane, without upholstering or stuff-covering of any kind, and his bed consists only of the thinnest of mattresses. Throughout the winter only a very moderate fire has been kept up, while the windows of the Grand Duke's rooms have been continuously open. His attendants have suffered dreadfully from the cold; but his medical advisers hold that this low temperature is very beneficial to their imperial patient, as it tends to destroy the bacillus and prevent the formation of tubercle. They maintain that the progress of the disease has been arrested, and express hopes that, if the treatment which they prescribe is persevered with, the Grand Duke will in two years' time have completely recovered.—*N. Y. Medical Record.*

THE IDEAL FAMILY PHYSICIAN.—The Hon. Thomas F. Bayard recently addressed the class at one of the medical colleges in Baltimore, having for his theme "The Lawyer and the Doctor." It has been his fortune, he says, to be thrown in contact with not a few medical men who have been "as the salt of the earth" in their respective communities. A man who is already eminent by reason of his natural endowments may be said to double his talent by becoming a physician. "It has been my personal fortune," says Mr. Bayard, "to know such a man. It has been my privilege and delight to accompany him in visits where his only medicines were the personal presence and conversation of the man himself. He had shared and had lessened their anxieties, counselled the wayward, cheered the weak-hearted, had rejoiced with them that rejoiced and wept with the weeping. And I have seen such a man so surrounded by an atmosphere of love and trust, holding, as it were, the heartstrings of a family in his hands, their guide, philosopher, and friend; and then I realized what a moral force in society the profession, properly comprehended and properly followed, was capable of exerting, and how relatively small a part of its usefulness was the administration of medicine."—*New York Med. Journ.*

THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION will hold its eighteenth annual session at Cincinnati, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Oct. 12th, 13th, and 14th, 1892, under the presidency of Charles A. L. Reed, M.D., Cincinnati. An address on "Surgery" will be delivered by Dr. Hunter McGuire, of Richmond, Va., President of the American Medical Association. An address on "Medicine" will be made by Dr. Hobart Amory Hare, Professor of Therapeutics and Clinical Medicine, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. The social as well as the scientific part of the meeting will be of the highest order.

N. WATSON protests against too frequent examinations, which produce a dry and congested condition of the passages, against the administration of ergot to precipitate labor, against the use of instruments merely to save the time of the attendant, and against the exaggerated use or misapplication of antiseptic douches upon every slight rise of temperature.—*Amer. Jour. of Obstetrics.*

THE RETIREMENT OF PROFESSOR DA COSTA FROM JEFFERSON MEDICAL COLLEGE.—We are authoritatively informed that Professor Da Costa will not again take part in the clinical lectures at Jefferson Medical College. Dr. Da Costa has now withdrawn from all teaching connection with Jefferson Medical College. He will, however, continue as Visiting Physician to the Pennsylvania Hospital, and in connection therewith will deliver the usual course of clinical lectures.—*Medical News.*

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.—The compulsory four years' course goes into operation with the session beginning October 2, 1893. Dr. Tyson has resigned the position of Dean and Dr. John Marshall has been chosen to succeed him.

THE annual receipts of the American Medical Association are \$30,468.

A JENNER centennial will be celebrated in Washington in 1896.

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