

It seems as certain as can be that the day is not very far distant when pressure of some sort will be exercised in the direction of hindering those afflicted with heritable disease from marrying and begetting offspring. Apart from the preventable misery of the unfortunate descendants is the question of burdening the community with helpless and dependant individuals to be cared for at public expense in almshouses, hospitals, etc. The community will in due time exercise a more searching enquiry into the circumstances that entitle to public support, and probably, then, the remedies will become apparent.

*The U. S. Pharmacopoeia, "1890,"* which will be published during 1893, adopts in great measure the *Metric System of Weights and Measures*; this will doubtless create much confusion in the minds of physicians and druggists, and lead to many misunderstandings and errors. In order to provide a guide to the proper dosage, etc., Dr. Geo. M. Gould, author of "The New Medical Dictionary" has prepared a very complete table of the official and unofficial drugs, with doses in both the *Metric* and *English* systems; this table is published in P. Blakiston, Son & Co's. Physicians' Visiting List for 1893, together with a short description of the Metric System.

Our attention has been called to the signature of a graduate of a renowned Scotch university to a note of recommendation of a regularly advertised nostrum. The fact seems clear. We believe the gentleman referred to could very easily be dispossessed of his diploma, as he has distinctly broken his pledge of honor, only after signing which, was he granted the degrees of the university. Perhaps he does not realize this, or is it that he values dignity and personal honour as nothing compared with a few glittering shekels.

It is disgraceful. This is how a profession which might be unique in public estimation and honor is made common and vulgar by its unworthy members.

THE "American Text Book of Surgery," edited by Professors Keen and White of Philadelphia, which has only been issued a few months, is already a phenomenal success. It has been adopted as a "Text Book" by forty-nine of our leading Medical Colleges and Universities. Nearly five thousand copies have been placed in physicians libraries, and every indication points to a sale of at least as many copies more in the next six months.

Dr. Nicholas Senn, of Chicago, is now preparing a "Syllabus of Lectures on the Practice of Surgery," arranged in conformity with the "American Text Book of Surgery," which will be a valuable aid to all who have this great book.—*Com.*

An immense amount of money has lately been donated or bequeathed to various American universities. In San Francisco and Chicago the universities have each received millions. Johns Hopkins has recently become possessed of a new half million, enabling a full teaching medical staff to be appointed. Harvard has just been informed of a will in her favor of about two millions, to revert *unconditionally*. McGill University has received her hundreds of thousands for hospital and laboratory development, and Toronto University has generous friends. The splendid future of American universities is assured, and until education in its highest forms has been freely provided for, there is probably no more worthy and beneficent use to which the surplus monies of the wealthy can be put. In almost all, if not all cases, and in some cases chiefly the medical department of the universities mentioned get their share of benefit and development.