

In the face of this, I would, in the interest of science, like to know on what facts, other than personal experience, Dr. Bulkley bases his views. Thanking you in anticipation for your valuable space,

I am, etc.,

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THE TITLE OF "DR."

To the Editor of ONTARIO MEDICAL JOURNAL.

SIR,—The best evidence of our "Americanism" is well illustrated by the adoption by dentists and veterinary surgeons of the title of doctor. That such men have any authority or right to so style themselves is to some extent unwarranted. The certificate of Veterinary Surgeons does not, I think, give the right to be called doctor, and no school or university in Canada gives to dentists the doctor's degree, except the Toronto University, which gives the D.D.S. Yet, it is common for many dentists, whose certificates do not contain the word doctor, to dub themselves doctor. I do not believe that the "vets." or dentists, by any right whatever, should be styled Dr., and are no more entitled to the doctorate than barbers and chiropodists. We are, as Canadians, having too many "Captains," "Colonels," and "Doctors." The tendency of such careless designations to unworthy persons, is to break down the dignity attached to honourable members of the respective professions.

I would like to *know* if the *Mr.* Osler referred to (page 62 *Canadian Practitioner*, January, 1893), is the Dr. Osler or not? Is *Mr.* more respectable than *Dr.*?

Yours, etc.,

J. S. S.

Personals.

We are pleased to state that Dr. J. L. Davison, Editor of *Canada Lancet*, has quite recovered from his severe attack of illness.

Neil McCrimmon, Esq., solicitor for the ONTARIO MEDICAL JOURNAL Publishing Co., will accept our congratulations upon his marriage to Miss Helen

McFarlane, of Thamesville, neice of Robert Ferguson, Esq., M.P.P., East Kent.

THE Parisian Inventors' Academy of Paris France, has bestowed honorary membership and awarded their first-class diploma and gold medal to Dr. C. L. Coulter, the inventor of the Coulter Vaporizer, on the high recognition of the great merit of his invention. The Doctor has recently been appointed Medical Referee for the Independent Order of Foresters for Great Britain and Ireland.

Dr. John A. Creasor, of Spadina Avenue, son of Judge Creasor, of Owen Sound, was married to Miss Lottie Griffiths, daughter of Wm. Griffiths, Esq., of Her Majesty's customs. We wish for him that success in practice which his abilities deserve. He is a graduate in Arts of Toronto University '85, studied medicine in McGill, taking the Sutherland gold medal in Second Year, M.D., C.M., with honors, March, '89.

Book Notices.

A Dissertation on Osteo-Arthritis. By W. H. RUSSELL FIRSBROOK, M.D., M.R.C.S., Consulting Medical Officer to the Government of the Cape of Good Hope; formerly Surgical Registrar to Westminster Hospital. London: H. K. Lewis, 136 Gower St., W.C., 1893.

One rises from the reading of this dissertation with a feeling of disappointment. In a monograph of more than one hundred pages, discussing a disease concerning which much doubt has existed as to its real nature, it is reasonable that we should look for new light, by the aid of which diagnosis shall be made more certain, pathology be elucidated, or prognosis and treatment be rendered more hopeful. Here, however, little is given that is new, unless it be an ingenious theory which aims at affording a rational explanation of the tissue changes which occur, as shown in the following extracts: "Adopting the opinion of those authorities who consider that this disease is dependent on an arthritic diathesis, I would state my belief in a basic arthritic diathesis capable of division into offshoots, of which osteo-arthritis is one, and gout and rheumatism are others, and that these offshoots, too, may become associated