

quota to them before leaving the room. In consultations it is the duty of the regular physician to obtain the fee—one hundred francs in ordinary medical cases—and then to hand it to the consultant, sealed up in an envelope, in the most quiet manner possible, and never in the presence of the patient or his family. No conversation on the subject is admissible, and the matter is treated as if it were the least important thing in the world. One excellent custom in connection with consultations prevails here: the regular physician, as well as the consultant, receives an extra fee—usually a double one.—*Paris Letter*.

—During the winter session of 1887-88 over three hundred and thirty-five different physicians attended the courses of instruction at the N. Y. Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital, 226 East 20th street, New York city, an increase of more than 60 per cent. over last year. In the Hospital Department about four hundred operations were performed, all of major importance. To all of these matriculates had access, as the hospital is used solely as a means of clinical instruction. This remarkable increase in the matriculation list has necessitated both larger clinical space and hospital accommodation, so that a new clinical amphitheatre has been erected, and will be used for the first time at the opening of the winter session, September 17th, 1888. A new and commodious laboratory has also been erected and furnished with the latest apparatus for the study of normal and pathological tissues. The nose and throat clinical room has also been enlarged. Professors Abraham Jacobi, Robert F. Weir, Joseph E. Winters, E. Bolton Bangs and Peter A. Callan have been appointed to the Faculty. The sessions of 1888-89 promises to be the most prosperous ever held.—*Com.*

ANODE AND CATHODE.—A writer in *L'Electrothérapie* suggests that it is easy to remember that anode corresponds to the positive pole, and cathode to the negative pole, if one reflects that the word anode contains an "n," while the word positive does not, and cathode contains no "n," while negative does. That seems to be about as useful as most mnemonic formulæ.