

difficult to attain a true appreciation of the significance of various disorders without special study and experience, and if this be true in ophthalmology or otology and its allied sciences, it is equally true of gynecology, and for obvious reasons the material for study and experience in this department is not so easily obtainable as in others. Gynecological "tinkering" abounds, and is accounted for largely by the failure to make complete and satisfactory examinations in the face of difficulties which are too numerous and obvious to mention, and the lack of appreciation of the significance of the findings. It is in this way that most injustice is done to neurasthenic patients.

The dictum, "If there are no real indications for treatment, do nothing," is one that should most certainly be observed in the practice of gynecology. But there are always two sides to a story, and fewer mistakes would be made and patients would be spared injustice time and again if physicians would exercise more care in excluding contributory disorders before diagnosing neurasthenia.

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Father Time comes in for some consideration generally at the end of every year. At the beginning of this year, however, he has commenced early to cut a wide swath amongst the medical men of Canada.

In 1909 over 2,000 deaths amongst medical men took place in the United States and Canada. It is estimated there are in the two countries 135,000 physicians, which would give a rate of over 16 per 1,000. The average age at death was 59 years, ranging from 22 years to 100 years.

Early in the present year the deaths of Drs. Uzziel Ogden, James H. Richardson and G. S. Cleland, Toronto, and Dr. Arthur Browne, Montréal, were announced. Three of these in their day occupied prominent positions as teachers of medicine and practitioners, whilst the fourth pursued the even tenor of his medical life and died while yet young, strong and solid in the esteem of his confreres. Drs. Ogden and Richardson had for many years been identified with the teaching of medicine in Toronto, and, conse-