

thus incalculable advantage is afforded, both to the practioner reporting the case, to the members present, and last but not least to the patient himself or herself.

Another benefit of the meeting of the medical society is the bringing together of men who are most likely to be rivals in that particular field. If these men never meet each other, as they seldom do in the ordinary pursuits of practice, they will gradually come to have a distorted opinion of each other, which generally becomes corrected by a more intimate acquaintance. Indeed, the more often the medical men of a particular locality meet together, the better the feeling that will exist among them. It has often been remarked that the state of professional good feeling and courtesy is nowhere better than in Montreal; and it is admitted by most that a great deal of this is due to the beneficial influence of the two principal medical societies, English and French. The only thing to be regretted, is that they are not more largely attended, and that instead of only 30 to 50 of a membership of 100 or 150, there are not 75 or 80 present.

BISHOP'S COLLEGE.

The many friends and former graduates of Bishop's College will be pleased to learn that the present is the most successful session in point of numbers that the College has had since its inception.

The experiment of admitting ladies to this College on equal footing with the men has only been tried a short time, it is true, but so far it has proved eminently successful. The lady students, themselves, are more than pleased with the manner in which they are treated by their fellow male students. Some anxiety was felt as to how they would fare among a crowd of young men at the hospital, but in this regard, we are also glad to be informed that the conduct of the young men towards them, is most gratifying. A good many young women in this city, are, we understand,

closely watching the course of the experiment, and a number of them have signified their intention of joining Bishop's College next year, if the experiment this year continues to prove successful. As we predicted some time ago, this is the easiest, cheapest and quickest solution of the problem as to where women doctors are to get their education.

BOOK NOTICES.

WOOD'S MEDICAL AND SURGICAL MONOGRAPHS, consisting of Original Treatises and Reproductions, in English, of Books and Monographs selected from the latest literature of Foreign Countries, with all illustrations, etc. Contents: Insomnia and its Therapeutics, by A. W. Macfarlane, M.D. Index to Vol. vii. Published monthly. Price, \$10.00 a year. Single copies, \$1.00. September, 1890. New York: William Wood & Company 56 and 58 Lafayette Place.

THE SCIENCE AND ART OF OBSTETRICS. By Theophilus Parvin, M. D., L. L. D., Professor of Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and Children in Jefferson College, Philadelphia, and one of the obstetricians to the Philadelphia Hospital. Second edition revised and enlarged. Illustrated with two hundred and thirty nine wood cuts and a colored plate. Philadelphia, Lea Brothers & Co., 1890.

The author states in his preface that such additions and alterations have been made in this edition, as will cause the work to represent the subject in its present state of advancement. Also that they have been made with sufficient thoroughness to entitle the volume to be regarded as a new book. After a careful perusal of this work there can be only one verdict, and that is that this work is unsurpassed by any other work on this subject in the English language. We have often been asked which did we think was the best text book to be had on Obstetrics, to which we have hitherto always replied without hesitation Playfair's; but since we have seen this classical work of Parvin's, we almost think the latter should take the first place. To borrow a well known expression it is the same as Playfair's, only more so. The great charm of both these authors is their ability to write just what the reader wants to know and no more. All that they say is pure wheat; there is no necessity of sifting a lot of chaff to get at it. There are many other works on obstetrics, some much more voluminous, others much smaller; but the former are diffuse and verbose while the latter are incomplete. This work is bristling with quota-