

In the third place, under ether return of consciousness to pain generally lags behind the return of mental perception, and thus anaesthesia can easily be re-established without interrupting the operation. So marked is this fact towards the end of a prolonged operation, that sometimes the surgeon may continue to operate for ten minutes or a quarter of an hour without re-application of the inhaler, and even converse with his patient whilst stitching up a wound. This is hardly, or rarely, the case with chloroform. Let any one who is not yet a convert to ether, or who, having used ether, is wavering in his allegiance to it, ask himself these questions: Have I myself studied the details of successful etherisation? Am I using the best form of inhaler? Have I taken pains to have those who act for me properly taught and trained? If not, let him ask himself one more question—have I done my duty?

#### NOTES.

GUM-CHEWERS' paralysis is the latest neurosis announced.

DR. CROBACH has been appointed to the chair of midwifery and gynaecology of the Vienna University.

DR. A. B. MOTT, the well-known surgeon of New York, died at Yonkers, on the 12th of August, of pneumonia.

L'AFFAIRE MACKENZIE, we are informed, has assumed proportions as a matter of irate dispute sufficient to threaten the very life of the British Medical Association.

SPEAKING of quacks, the *Press and Circular* says, "It is saddening to think that the British public should allow themselves to be gulled by knaves and pretenders, while at their doors there are numbers of highly-trained men almost on the verge of starvation."

NEW YORK POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL.—We have received the eighth annual announcement of the New York Post-

graduate Medical School and Hospital. The success of the institution has been somewhat remarkable. During the year just completed there were 415 in attendance. The number from Canada (51) exceeded that of any State in the Union, excepting New York, which furnished 72. For some years about one-eighth of the total number attending were Canadians.

THE NEW PLAN OF TREATMENT FOR PNEUMONIA advocated by Dr. G. R. Martine at the last meeting of the American Medical Association is really the old mode of using veratrum viride. He administers this drug "when the maddened blood, fired by the lash of inflammation, rushes wildly through the channels of life, extruding with demoniacal force through the very walls of the blood vessels the blood-corpuscles and threatening to strangle out the life of the unfortunate victim, intuitively I cry out, Shut not down the head-gate but the heart-gate and thus save the suffocating patient who helplessly looks to you for rescue. Say to the wildly pulsating heart, so far or so fast shalt thou go; and no faster, and continue to hold the heart's action under absolute subjection until the crisis is past and the life of the patient is saved."

REGULATION OF HYPNOTISM.—The International Congress of Hypnotism, recently held in Paris, adopted the following: "Whereas the Congress of Hypnotism, perceiving the danger involved by public experiments and seances of magnetism, and believing that the employment of hypnotism as a therapeutic agent should be restricted to the demands of medical science, and that the official instruction concerning its application should belong to psychiatry, therefore be it *Resolved*, That public seances of hypnotism and magnetism should be interdicted by the authorities in the interest of the public hygiene and sanitation; *Resolved*, That the practice of hypnotism as a curative means should be subject to the laws and regulations which govern the practice of medicine; *Resolved*, That it is desirable that the study of hypnotism and its application be introduced and adopted in medical schools, as a part of the medical instruction afforded by these schools."