

in the latter year to London, to take the position of clinical surgery in King's College, London.

His great work on coagulation of the blood, on fermentation, and on antiseptics, has made his name familiar to the most obscure scientist and practitioner the world over. Nobly and long he fought on for his views and finally saw them triumph over every obstacle. Learned societies, universities, and crowned heads, have vied with each other in showering honors upon him. But the greatest of all the honors is that which suffering mankind accords, in acclaiming him the greatest of all the followers of the healing art, ancient or modern.

Every department of medicine and surgery has been the gainer, because of Lister's researches. Under his guidance, surgery advanced by leaps and bounds. It is impossible to gild gold; and words in praise of Lister seem like an attempt to burnish the precious metal. Perhaps of no man are the words of Dr. Johnson so true as of Lister: *Nihil erat quod non tetigit; nihil tetigit quod non ornavit.*

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Dr. Perry G. Goldsmith's Appointment.

We learn that Dr. Goldsmith, of Belleville, has been appointed consulting specialist on diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat to the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Belleville. We congratulate Dr. Goldsmith, and approve of the action of the Ontario Government in this matter.

Gastric Trouble in Spinal Disease.

Sir Frederick Treves in the *Practitioner* (British) for January, has an interesting article on a number of cases in which occurred marked pain and dyspepsia, with some vomiting, resulting from various diseased conditions of the spinal column. In several cases there was Potts' disease of the vertebrae. In one there was an injury from a bullet wound. In another case there was an osteo-sarcoma. These marked conditions irritated the nerves, and set up the trouble in the stomach. The writer remarks "that suspicion may be aroused as to the genuineness of a gastric trouble when pain is the all-predominating symptom, when it is intense and persisting, and when vomiting is at the same time either absent or insignificant."