

modern scientific point of view. Dr. Hirst, the editor, treats "Some Complications Independent of Septic Infection," including abnormalities in involution, hæmorrhages, hæmatomata, non-infectious fevers, diseases of the urinary system, etc. After this comes a chapter on "Insanity, and Diseases of the Nervous System" by Dr. Lloyd. One of the most useful chapters in the volume is that on the "Management and Diseases of New-born Infants," from the well-known author, Dr. J. Lewis Smith.

On the whole we have so high an opinion of this "System of Obstetrics" that we believe no general practitioner should fail to possess it.

Personal.

Dr. L. H. Carter (McGill, '88) has located at Coulterville, Cal.

Dr. Findlay McEwen has been appointed an Associate Coroner for the County of Lanark, and Dr. Duncan McEdwards, of Thedford, an Associate Coroner for the County of Lambton.

PROFESSOR HENRY MONTGOMERY. — Professor Henry Montgomery, who was at one time lecturer on biology in the Toronto School of Medicine, was for several years Professor of Natural Science in the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks. He was also Vice-President of that Institution, and his untiring labors in its interests were very highly appreciated. He has recently resigned his position at Grand Forks, and has accepted a similar position at Courtland, New York. His many friends in Toronto will be pleased to hear of his continued success.

Miscellaneous.

A CASE FROM PRACTICE.—Semi-Literary Patient (who is just about to receive a hypodermic of morphine): "Doctor, don't give me none of that Exile of Life."

THE DOCTOR'S PORTRAIT.—After his death, a physician's outstanding bills are rarely collectable. Many a one, with a large practice dies and his estate is found to be not worth admin-

istering on. According to Dr. Jarvis' tables, the average of the lives of physicians is fifty-six years. If you begin practice at twenty-four, your active-life prospect will be thirty-two years, and from a thousand to fifteen hundred dollars will represent your average yearly income. Now, were you (through God's mercy) to practice these thirty-two years without losing a single day, and collect (say) eight dollars every day of the time, you would receive but \$93,440. Deduct from that amount your expenses for yourself and your family, your horses, carriages, books, periodicals and instruments; your taxes, insurance, and a multitude of other items for the whole thirty-two years (11,680 days), and then, so far from being rich, even after this long and active life of usefulness, in this most important and honorable profession, after a whole life-time of scientific work, mental toil and slavery to our unrelenting taskmaster, The Sick Public; from the days of the dirty, unwholesome dissecting rooms, through all life's phases to old age: with not even the 1,564 Sabbaths to call your own—you would have but little, very little, left to support you after you naturally reach the downhill of life, or are broken down in health and faculties deteriorated, and in need of a physician yourself, through worry, anxiety, and fatigue in the discharge of your duty.—*Dr. Cathell in last edition of Physician Himself.*

"DOCTORS' ORDERS."—"Doctors' orders" are too often looked upon by the laity as arbitrary enactments of professional pedantry, which your true Briton shows "the freedom that runs in his blood" by defying or evading. Nor is this absurdity confined to the ignorant, for one often hears people who should know better boasting of their deliberate neglect of advice which they have paid a big fee to obtain. The moral which we wish to enforce has lately been pointed by a case which occurred in the London Hospital in a manner which we hope will bring it home, at least in some measure, to the public mind. A man suffering from typhoid had some grapes secretly given him by a friend, whom he asked to procure them for him. He became worse soon after eating them, and in three days he died from perforation of the intestine. The coroner trusted that the public would take warning by the case, and all medical officers of hos-