

Miscellaneous.

The title of Sir Henry Thompson's new novel will be "All But."

There are 2,500 physicians in Philadelphia, and 2,900 in New York.

They want a "post-graduate" course for medical men in London, England.

There were 468 students registered in the Toronto General Hospital during the last session.

The operating theatre in the Toronto General Hospital will be enlarged and improved within the next six weeks. The seating capacity will be increased by two hundred.

LADY (to applicant).—"What wages will you expect as nurse?"

APPLICANT.—"Howould is the baby, mum?"

L.—"Seven months."

A.—"Widout laudinum, mum, two dollars an' a half a wake; wid laudinum, two dollars."

Some of the American newspapers are poking fun at the people who were so alarmed about the hydrophobia scare in Newark. They say that the dogs that were bitten by the supposed mad dog, that bit the children sent to M. Pasteur, are in good health.

The horrible accident at the execution of one Robert Goodale should result in some alteration in method of punishment. The weight of the victim's body caused the head to be completely torn away. Goodale stood 5 ft. 11 in. high and weighed 200 lbs. The executioner had allowed a drop of six feet.

Prof. Gross recently called attention to a new French method of treating tubercular glands. When the gland is broken down, a small incision is made in the lowest portion, the material pressed out, and into the cavity injected melted paraffin, which is then solidified with the ether spray; then the whole sac can easily be dissected out.

Let a fisherman forsake his boat, or a blacksmith his anvil, or a carpenter his bench, or a shoemaker his shop, and proclaim that he has made the wonderful discovery that he is full of magnetism and can cure all diseases, and be he ever so ignorant and uncouth, he is likely to have in a very short space of time a *clientèle* of educated ladies and gentlemen.

MEMORIAL TO MISS ELLEN PRIDEAUX.—A large sum of money has been raised to commemorate the late Miss Prideaux, who became a Bachelor of Medicine in the University of London after taking a high stand at the various examinations. She died last year from diphtheria on the eve of presenting herself for the final M.D. At a meeting of members of the profession, with Sir William Gull as chairman, it was decided that the income from the fund should be given as a scholarship open to women in the second or third year of their course.

The late Professor Syme, of Edinburgh, was not very fond of medical visitors to his wards in the Royal Infirmary, and did not hesitate to hand them over to his house surgeon with little ceremony. Syme was very proud of the number of times he had ligatured the femoral artery. At his death we believe he had performed this operation 75 times in all. One day when showing a Frenchman round his wards he had occasion to draw his attention to a recent case of this kind, and asked his visitor with pardonable pride, how many times he thought he had tied that vessel. "Oh! t'ousands!" said the Frenchman, an answer which very speedily sent Syme to his carriage in no small dudgeon.—*Birmingham Med. News.*

THE DIAGNOSIS OF SEX BEFORE BIRTH.—Dr. Juan Bidart (*Deutsche Med. Zeitung*), has endeavored to settle the question as to whether the sex of the fœtus might be determined before birth by the frequency of the fœtal pulse, and with that end in view publishes a note of one hundred cases in which he counted the fœtal pulse beat at the end of pregnancy. He concludes that when the pulse of the fœtus is under 135 in the minute, in all probability it is of the male sex; while when between 135