

Miscellaneous.

THE BREEDING OF SINNERS.—The French Government hopes, apparently, by promoting marriages between male and female convicts, to bring back these stray sheep into the fold of morality and good conduct. Arrangements have been made to facilitate these unions, but physiologists and pathologists must feel sundry qualms as to the expediency of such a course. The physical and moral degradation of many of these social waifs is distinctly hereditary, and a careful moral training (which is not provided for) would, at the most, only modify the tendencies which have brought them within the clutches of the criminal law. The son of a poet is not of necessity a poet, but the offspring of a bawd or an assassin is extremely likely to develop the same proclivities. If even one of the parties to the transaction were worthy of respect some regeneration might be hoped for, but the association of two hopelessly abandoned bodies and souls is not calculated to improve matters in any respect whatever.—*The Hospital Gazette.*

PHYSICIANS AS FINANCIERS.—Physicians are generally admitted to be exceedingly poor financiers. There is probably no class of men who realize so little financially from their labors. Persons are often astonished in how straightened circumstances many physicians (who were known during life to have had large practices), on dying, leave their families. They lived moderately, indulged in no luxuries, yet, after all debts have been paid there will be left to the families of each one, probably only a very unostentatious dwelling.

For the last twenty-five or thirty years, efforts have been made to simplify the business books of physicians, so that as little time as possible would be required for a medical man to enter his charges, and keep something like a systematic account of his business. It has been found impossible for one engaged in the active practice of medicine to keep what is called a day-book, cash-book, and a ledger, for with such a set of books, oftentimes not having time to enter any charges for two or three days, he will frequently forget many items. Then again, frequently he will let his ledger go unposted for

weeks and months, and when called upon to make out a bill, he will, in consequence, not be able, and will be, under the necessity to ask the applicant to call again.

Visiting lists have been constructed to enable physicians more easily to keep account of their services; and they have certainly been of great use. We feel sure we have saved many dollars which, without them, we would have lost.

One of the very best books that we know of for a physician, in which he can keep an account of his services to all his patrons, is "Bernd's Physician's Register." For a physician to keep one of these, requires no skill, no knowledge of book-keeping. A ten year old child can master it. If a doctor cannot, with one of these, register all his business, so that he can know at any time who owes him and who does not, there will be no hope of being able to devise anything for him so that he can keep an account of his business.

We consider members of the medical profession are under great obligation to Messrs. Henry Bernd & Co. for their Register. We hope they will have a large sale, not for the sake of the Bernd's merely, but for the sake of the families of physicians.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

PARRY.—At 312 Bathurst Street, Toronto, on October 16th, the wife of Dr. W. J. Parry of a daughter.

BRIDGLAND.—At Bracebridge, on Saturday, October 12th, the wife of Dr. Bridgland, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

GORDON—WILSON.—On the 15th instant, at "Edgewood," College Avenue, the residence of the bride's father, Gilbert Gordon, M.D., L.R.C.P. and S., to Minnie, third daughter of William Wilson, of Toronto.

DEATHS.

ARTHUR.—At Chapleau, Ont., on the 19th inst., of diphtheria, Gerald Stuart, infant son of R. H. Arthur, M.D., aged two weeks.