

School of Medicine and Surgery, and became a member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Quebec in 1866. In 1867 he received the diploma of Victoria University of Cobourg, and was appointed editor of the *Gazette Médicale*, associated with Dr. Lemire. In 1870 he was appointed physician to the Hotel Dieu, and in 1872 Professor of Obstetrics in the School of Medicine, a position which he occupied until 1878. In 1872 he was nominated physician in chief to the Maternite de Montreal, and in 1876 President of the Societe Medicale. In 1878 Laval conferred its degree upon him and appointed him Professor of Obstetrics, which position he resigned in 1891 to devote himself to clinical teaching. He was consulting physician to the Notre Dame Hospital since its foundation. He was a prominent and active worker on the Board of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Quebec, and held the position of treasurer since 1889. He was held in high estimation by his confreres, and his familiar face will be missed at the semi-annual meeting of the College of Physicians and Surgeons. in the proceedings of which he took such a prominent part.

Miscellaneous.

NATURE OF RELIGIOUS ECSTASY.

The sect known in the eleventh century as Hesychasts, and later the Omphalopsychics of Mount Athos, claimed to have, and doubtless did have, the same experience. Prof. Preyer, in a note to his *Hypnotismus*, has given an interesting account of them. Their method was to drop the chin upon the breast, fix the eyes upon the navel, and wait for the light to burst upon them. A great ecclesiastical controversy arose over these practices. The language which George Fox and the early Quakers use of the "inner light" seems to point to the same thing. One of my graduate students, while under ether, had a similar experience, which makes an excellent commentary upon Plotinus's statement that the soul is "pure light." "I took form, I was a body of light in an abyss of ethereal gray; in form I was, as memory reproduces size, eighteen inches by eight, a rounded disk: I was not *looking* at myself, but I knew and *saw* myself." Such experiences would seem, from my own inquiries, to be far from uncommon, and I would be grateful to any of my readers who can give me more cases.