

gave birth to three healthy living children, two girls and a boy—all living. She was 12 hours in labor before the first birth; 25 minutes later, the second child was born; and 35 minutes later, the third was born. Each child had a distinct placenta.

APPOINTMENTS.—Dr. A. C. Panton, (Trinity) has been appointed to the chair of materia medica, and Dr. K. A. J. McKenzie, (McGill), to the chair of clinical surgery in the Medical College of Portland, Oregon. Dr. A. Robillard has been appointed a commissioner under the Liquor License Act.

Hon. Dr. Parker, of Halifax, Dr. Page, of Truro, and Dr. McGillvary, of Sydney, have been appointed members of the Nova Scotia Medical Board.

CORONER.—Dr. C. Sinclair, of Aylmer, has been appointed coroner for the Co. of Elgin, and Dr. A. C. Bowerman for the Co. of Prince Edward, Ont.

INDEX MEDICUS.—We are pleased to notice that this valuable monthly publication is to be revived. It will be published by Mr. Geo S. Davis of Detroit. The editors are Drs. Billings and Fletcher of Washington.

THE death of Prof. Frerichs, of Berlin, in announced in our Foreign exchanges. He was a man of great ability and his death is a serious loss to German medicine. The death of Dr. Ellerslie Wallace, of Philadelphia, is also noticed in our exchanges.

Notes, Queries and Replies.

BRITISH QUALIFICATIONS.

To the Editor of the "CANADA LANCET."

SIR,—In reply to Queror in last number of the "LANCET;" I wish to say that I spent one month in the London hospitals, obtaining great insight into special and general diseases. There are some forty hospitals in the Metropolis, but the material is not presented to the best advantage *i. e.* for a graduate to learn much in a short time—more especially in the special sub-divisions of the science.

I attended the Edinburgh New Royal Infirmary for four months devoting four hours per diem to practical work, one hour to grinds and the remainder of the day to study, etc. I succeeded in passing the first conjoint examination of the R. C. P. & S., Ed., and the Faculty of P. & S. of

Glasgow. I may say the feeling of equality extended to a Canadian confrere, materially assisted my chances of gaining practical knowledge. I believe Glasgow also to be a good place to obtain practical instruction, as students are requested to familiarize themselves with the ward work.

I next took Cook's tickets from Scotland to Hamburg, Berlin, Vienna, Paris, London and intermediate points, costing \$75.00, with \$2.00 per day for hotel coupons, and extras additional while on the road. The expenses, when a permanent stay is made in any one place, can be made to suit circumstances. Much was seen that I never expected to see here, and my experience and confidence was advanced many years. Expenses on the ocean can be arranged to suit individual taste. I purchased a first-class return via Allan Line by Quebec and Halifax with R. R. reduced rates for an unlimited season. Expenses in Great Britain I should judge to be about \$5.00 to \$7.00 per week for a long period, with \$130.00 for examinations, \$25.00 for registration, and a few pounds for hospital fees. Extras according to special requirements. For the regulations of the respective corporations write to Dr. James H Albyn Place, Dr. J. Wyllie, R. Infirmary, Mr. Bell, F.R.C.S., Edinburgh, the secretaries of the triple, physician and surgeon qualifications.

The conjoint examination is written, clinical, and oral and lasts a week or more. The subjects are: Medicine (including Therapeutics, Medical Anatomy and Pathology), Clinical Medicine and Surgery, Surgery (including Surgical Anatomy, Operative Surgery and Surgical Pathology), Midwifery (including Gynæcology), Medical Jurisprudence and Hygiene. The ward examinations include both medical and surgical cases, besides testing urine and recognizing urinary crystals, etc., bandaging and the use of surgical instruments.

A Canadian must produce his diplomas and other certificates which they demand. The advantages received from the practical work should be the primary and the examinations the secondary object to take one's time and attention. In case of failure at the examination one has the privilege of trying again in three or six months after paying \$25.00 entrance fee which many are obliged to do.

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