

Miscellaneous.

THE DAY'S DEMAND.

God give us men! A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and willing hands,
Men whom the lust for office does not kill ;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy ;
Men who possess opinions and a will ;
Men who have honor ; men who will not lie ;
Men who can stand before a demagogue
And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking ;
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty and in private thinking.
For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn creeds,
Their large professions and their little deeds,
Mingle in selfish strife, lo ! freedom weeps ;
Wrong rules the land, and waiting justice sleeps.

—J. G. HOLLAND, in *Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette*.

Accidents after Adenoid Operations.

C. E. Holmes reports two cases in which the curette used for the removal of adenoids broke off just at the beginning of the sharpened portion of the loop. In one case the piece was removed without incident. In the other it was swallowed, but proper diet prevented any untoward consequences, and the piece was passed in the stools three days later.—*The Laryngoscope*.

Curettagé of the Uterus.

The very popularity of this operation is a source of danger, for the gynecological proclivities of many general practitioners are apt to blind them to the risks associated with this procedure when carried out carelessly and without due regard to antiseptic precautions. We have heard of instances in which the uterus has been curetted in the consulting room without previous sterilization of the vagina, the patient being then allowed to drive or walk home. Even when carefully performed, curettagé of the uterus is not unfrequently followed by troublesome and possibly dangerous peri-uterine inflammation, and when done by the inexperienced or careless, it becomes positively dangerous. That it is a valuable method of treatment in certain conditions of the uterine mucosa cannot be denied, but the facility with which it can be done, after a fashion, by anyone, is calculated to lead to its abuse.—*Med. Press and Circular*.