

Essay on *Convalescence* describes the delightful sensations, mental and bodily, attendant upon recovery from serious illness. In remarks upon the value of novels during this period, Dr. Mitchell takes occasion to discuss the Doctor in fiction, and concludes that, with the exception of Lydgate in George Eliot's *Middlemarch*, he is wholly unsatisfactory.

We may gather from these *Essays* the secret of Dr. Mitchell's great success—a naturally keen intellect, strong professional instincts of the best kind, a profound knowledge of human nature, particularly of the frailer portion of it, and living faith in the value of dietetic and hygienic measures in the treatment of the sick.

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Medical Items.

—Dr. Arthur Farre, the celebrated obstetrician, is dead.

—Dr. J. H. Darey (McGill, '85) is practising in Cresco, Iowa.

—Professor Kussmaul, after a long and brilliant career, has retired from the directorship of the Klinik for Internal Medicine in the University of Strassburg. He is to be succeeded by Prof. Naunyn of Königsberg.

ADVANCED PHARMACY.—John Wyeth & Brother have recently introduced compressed tablets of the newer antiseptics and antipyretics. Physicians can now order antipyrine or antifebrine in tablet form, each tablet containing five grains. From some experience, we can confidently recommend these tablets as not only a highly convenient and pleasant way of administering these agents, but also as being in every respect a perfectly reliable method.