Our old friend, Dr. Egerton Y. Davis, paid us a flying visit last week. He is at present engaged in looking up material for his new work on " Sexual Peculiarities." Before returning to Pentonville it is his intention to revisit the Great Slave Lake in order to study further the remarkable customs of certain Indian tribes frequenting that region.

Dr. McClure, late medical superintendent of the Montreal General Hospital, is about leaving for Northern China as a medical missionary under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church. We congratulate the doctor on the philanthropic and self-sacrificing spirit which he has recently displayed, and wish him *bon voyage*. We sincerely trust, however, that his valuable services may be fully appreciated by the " Heathen Chinee." Otherwise his visit may be made most unpleasant, because we understand the Chinese are not all vegetarians.

## Medical Items.

PRESCRIPTION FOR HEADACHE.—Dujardin-Beaumetz recommends the following : ℞ Caffeine, gr. iv ; salicylate of sodium, gr. iv ; hydrochlorate of cocaine, gr. iss ; water, f ʒ ij ; syrup, f ʒ vss. M. Take the whole at one dose at the beginning of the attack.

SALICYLIC ACID IN RINGWORM.—Dr. N. F. Penn, of Lexington, Ky., recommends a saturated solution of salicylic acid in collodium as a cure for ringworm. The solution is painted on to the affected portion of skin once every day, and generally one application is sufficient. It causes some pain, but only for a short time.—*N. Y. Medical Journal.*

LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP.—The University of Heidelberg recently conferred the degree of M.D. on Carl Umbach, who had written a brilliant dissertation on " The Influence of Antipyrine on Nitrogenous Secretions." And now Umbach turns out to be a quack, and the authorities of the famous university are smoking their pipes in gloomy silence.

THE RABBIT EYE OPERATION.—Encouraging reports are given, says the *Philadelphia Times*, by Dr. L. Webster Fox upon the eye of Mrs. Martha Schick. Right eye central vision increased to counting fingers to four feet, able to go about alone,