

D. Appleton & Co., on January 1st, 1894, take over from the hands of the present publishers the *New York Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics*. This journal is at present the official organ of the strong and well-known New York Obstetrical Society, and of course will continue to be so. The new editors and proprietors are A. H. Buckmaster, M.D., and J. D. Emmet, M.D., names which suggest good and only good work. As collaborators the best gynecologists and obstetricians of New York are on the list. Thos. A. Emmet, the great operator in women's troubles; T. G. Thomas, the author of a work on the subject; A. J. C. Skene, of Brooklyn, who now has a very powerful edition before the profession; Chas. Jewett, W. H. Baker, E. C. Dudley, Howard A. Kelly and J. C. Reeve, are such names that the success of a paper written by them is already assured. The cost has been reduced to \$4.00 yearly.

On Bloor Street East, stands a well-built, hand some house, well back from the street, protected from the winter's winds and summer's sun by ample shade trees. It is occupied as "The Electro-Medical Sanatorium, with F. C. Ireland as manager, and Dr. R. V. Funnell as medical superintendent. This lady has been a well known figure in medical circles in Kingston for some years, having a large general practice, and holding the chair of Practice of Medicine in the Woman's Medical College. In taking up her specialty as an electro-therapist, she found that, on account of the amount of work to be done, she must give up either one or the other. This was done, and as a result we have this first-class sanatorium here. The special lines in connection with the institution are electricity, including mineral, electro-mineral and electro-vapour baths, for which all conveniences are secured, and massage done by accomplished masseuses employed by the staff. One feature which should certainly interest medical men is the setting apart of certain well-furnished, well-lighted and well-ventilated rooms for the use of any physician who wishes to see ure them for his own patients. This is an item which should give Dr. Funnell good patronage, as the places where we can send our own patients and treat them ourselves are few and far between in this city of Toronto.

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR CANADA.

Our American neighbours are making some progress at having a Department of Public Health.

The Pan-American Medical Congress has had a resolution passed upon the subject. The interests of public health demand that there should be a department of the Government having parity of voice in the National Council, entrusted to experienced and educated medical men, who alone are competent to assume the duties thereof. When will Canada have a department of public health? Not until the medical men of this Dominion make their influence felt, and by strong resolutions keep the matter prominently before the public. We have our marine department, our agriculture department, and other departments good and useful in their place, but public health, the most important of all, is ignored, unless the collection of a few statistics be the all-important point in view. We cannot expect the public to lead in this matter—they are not competent to advise; but medical men from their education and knowledge of sanitary and hygienic laws, are expected to take the lead, and the profession from the various provinces of the Dominion should speak out, and that right early, urging the Government to establish a department of public health. Perhaps it would be necessary for the profession to prepare a basis and plans of operation to be first submitted to the Government, or perhaps the lines of action should be left with the minister and a deputy head from each of the provinces.

Whatever form legislation may require on the subject, there is no doubt the time has arrived when we should have such a department, and I would like to hear the voice of the profession elsewhere