

the native pharmaciens can look at with both admiration and wonderment. The display is enough to make any Frenchman curious, and their arrangement such as to be above deprecatory criticism; and those Frenchmen there could not be a people with better taste for the proper and harmonious exhibition of products. A glance through their own magnificent section of pharmacy will verify this. Readers would find superfluous a description in detail of the Messrs. Warner's essentially fine installation covering all their soluble sugar-coated pills, salts, etc. Suffice it to remark that at the Paris Universelle their exhibit is thoroughly representative, comprises all the makers' fabrications, and is decidedly an honor to the concern.—*Pharmaceutical Record.*

CONNECTION DURING PREGNANCY. — M. Witkowski, in his work on the History of Accouchements (*l'Histoire des Accouchements*), gives the following historical memoranda on this delicate subject: Mauriceau forbade his patients to permit the marital embrace during the two last months of their pregnancy, giving as a reason that alleged in Japan at the present day, viz., that agitation of the body and pressure upon the abdomen were injurious, or might become so, both to mother and fœtus. His contemporary and rival, Dionis, protested vigorously against this dictum, "Mauriceau," said he, "could not have based this advice on personal knowledge. During forty-six years of his married life he has never been able to get a child, while I have a wife who has been pregnant twenty times and borne me twenty living children, each one of which was happily born at full term. I am convinced, therefore, that the embraces of the spouse under the interdicted circumstances are not injurious." This, too, was the opinion of Bonaccioli, who practiced at Ferrara about 1530. "Women," says he, "who have continued to fulfil their marital duties during their entire pregnancy support the pangs of accouchement better than those who have been continent, and, besides, they never have that palor of visage which makes the latter so hideous." Sue remarks that this point has always been ignored by surgeon-accoucheurs, but that the prejudice against coition during preg-

nancy, and that continence renders parturition more facile, is very ancient, having been an accepted fact in the time of Hippocrates. It was founded, no doubt, upon the fact that the females of the lower animals instinctively shunned the approaches of the male during pregnancy. Rabelais says, "the beasts that go on their bellies will not endure the male, demonstrating his masculinity (*le mâle masculant*)."—*St Louis Med. and Surg. Jour.*

A DEFENCE OF SIR MORELL MACKENZIE. — At the annual dinner on behalf of the Golden Square Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, which took place at the Hotel Metropole on Saturday last, Lord Randolph Churchill, who occupied the chair, took advantage of the opportunity to defend Sir Morell Mackenzie from the criticism of which he, or rather his conduct, has been the subject for some time past. His Lordship claimed that he (Sir Morell) had been the means of prolonging a life very precious to the world by the exercise of great moral courage, and he expressed the hope that the time would come when national jealousy, political rancor, and professional rivalry would have so far subsided that he would receive an impartial judgment. This time will doubtless come, but we cannot help thinking that the friends of Sir Morell would have been better advised had they avoided this particular subject, for whatever the verdict of posterity may be, it is certain that public professional opinion is not at present disposed to modify the verdict arrived at when the subject was to the front. It must be very gratifying to Sir Morell to find himself able to rally so many influential friends around him on occasions like these, in spite of the fierce battle which has raged around his name in respect of matters of which, perhaps, the less said the better.—*Medical Press and Circular.*

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

MARRIAGE.

GALLOWAY—SANDERSON. — In Toronto, on Thursday, August 29th, Dr. Herbert P. H. Galloway, to Charlotte Elsie, youngest daughter of Dr. G. W. Sanderson, late of Orillia.