

elect between a great *danger* to the life of the mother and the life of the child in the cradle, would sacrifice the latter? For, are we certain that the mother will die, and what difference is there between the life in utero just before birth and in the cradle just after birth?"

—M. Pasteur, it is stated, has resolved to visit the Bordeaux lazaretto to study yellow fever, and ascertain whether it be due to a parasite, and can be guarded against by inoculation.

—Mr. Wm. McCormac, the Secretary-General of the International Medical Congress, has been knighted in recognition of his services.

—The *British Medical Journal* calls upon the medical profession to take a firm stand against the obstacles thrown in the way of vivisection by the government of that country.

MORE ABOUT BIRTH MARKS.—The *Ohio Medical Journal* has the following good story, as told of a physician of Dayton, Ohio: The doctor was recently attending a case of labour in the family of one of his patrons, who, though a very excellent man, is a little slow in the payment of his medical bills. Immediately after the birth of the baby, the father nervously asked, "Doctor, is the baby marked?" "Yes," quietly replied the doctor; "it is marked 'C.O.D.' " It is needless to add that the bill for that baby was promptly settled.

—The *XIXe Siecle* relates of Dr. Nelaton that he was accustomed to say: "If you have the misfortune to cut a carotid when performing an operation, remember it takes two minutes for syncope to supervene, and as many more before death occurs. Now four minutes are four times the time required for a ligature, provided you don't hurry yourself—never hurry yourself."

—Speaking about the character of the attendants of a sick person, Dr. J. M. Fothergill says: "A pious widow, with dyspepsia and strong religious convictions, is a ghoul when illness is about. She sucks the life out of an invalid like a moral vampire. As life ebbs, she is sustained, and when the invalid has passed the portals of another world, she goes away edified, strengthened and encouraged in her murderous mission, fully prepared to extinguish the lives of any number of relatives if ill luck should prostrate them upon the sick bed."