

nursing, etc., pull him through safely. Critically speaking, however, much of the surgery in Los Angeles will hardly come up to the average of city surgery either as regards methods or results. Of the profession throughout the southern portion of the state, with very few exceptions, the standing of its members is not high. The really good men and the self-assured men nearly all gravitate to the city, and "ordinary" describes these members as a whole.

The chief diversion of the California physicians appears to be politics. In every convention are present as large a number of doctors as lawyers, and they are active, influential members. The present Governor of the state is Dr. George C. Pardee, an eye and ear specialist of Oakland. In Los Angeles the most prominent and influential politicians will be found in the medical profession. One of such physicians is said to be the shrewdest political manipulator in the state. He, however, gives a brilliant example to what diversity of interests one man can successfully give attention. In training and ability he would be a leading gynecologist, and until within a year he ably filled this chair in the medical college. He is now dean of the faculty, editor of the leading medical journal of the state, manager of the largest and best paying hospital in the city, manager of a famous health resort and summer hotel, the founder and chief trustee of a large state reformatory or industrial school, a director of the largest and oldest bank in the city and a member of numerous other corporations, a member of half a dozen fraternal orders and a most successful real estate investor. Behind this great versatility of mind, there is a pertinacity of purpose which never recognizes the word failure, and which sooner or later brings about the desired end.

The work of some of the surgeons will be of great value to the observer. The rapidity of some of the operators is astonishing. A child will be taken from its room to the operating-room, anesthetized, have tonsils and adenoids removed, and be returned to his room, conscious enough to expectorate the blood, all inside of five minutes. Simple amputation of the breast, five minutes; ordinary appendectomy or oophorectomy 12 to 15 minutes; vaginal hysterectomy, 17 minutes; prostatectomy, 25 minutes. These are the records of one surgeon whom it is a delight to watch. On the other hand, one