

Chubbed fingers and a thickened condition of nose and ears direct attention to some source of thoracic obstruction, congenital cardiac malformation, mixed blood currents, or chronic pulmonary fibrosis. No other form of disease ever causes this chubbing or thickening. Tremors of the fingers often suggest Graves' disease or chronic alcoholism, and when the hands and arms are thus affected we look for paralysis agitans or mercurial poisoning.

THE NUMBER OF DOCTORS.

In the United States there are 135,000 doctors; in Canada about 6,000; Germany, 27,000; Great Britain, 42,000; Russia, 12,500; France, about 60,000. In the United States there is one medical college to every 500,000 of the population; in Great Britain, one to every 2,350,000; in Germany, one to every 2,500,000; in Austria, one to every 5,000,000; and in Canada, one to every 500,000. It is estimated that the average income of each doctor in the United States is \$1,500 a year.

THE APPOINTMENTS OF DRS. BRYCE AND HODGETTS.

A short time ago, when Hon. Clifford Sifton was in Toronto, he made arrangements with Dr. P. H. Bryce to become the Medical Inspector of Immigration and to oversee the care of the Indians. These are highly important duties, and will bring in their discharge very great responsibilities. Mr. Sifton made an excellent choice in the selection of Dr. Bryce. For twenty-two years he has acted as Secretary to the Ontario Provincial Board of Health; and for several years also as Registrar-General of the vital statistics of the Province. In these capacities he displayed much energy and executive ability. His annual reports compare favorably with those of a similar character issued by any country or state. Immigration to this country is one of the most important questions now before the people, and the services of Dr. Bryce will be of undoubted value to this department and the country. We wish him every success.

Dr. C. A. Hodgetts has been appointed to the position of secretary of the Ontario Provincial Board of Health, which was rendered vacant by the removal of Dr. Bryce to the Department of Immigration, Ottawa. Dr. Hodgetts has acted as Inspector for the Provincial Board of Health for about thirteen years. He has been most energetic and capable in his management of a number of outbreaks of scarlet fever, diphtheria and small-pox. He has displayed good judgment in many difficult and trying positions. We feel sure that he will give a good account of