

Those who wish to engage in such practice should have such section either erased or amended. Not one of several to whom I have mentioned the subject defends for a moment the practice, but agrees in deploring its prevalence. From this, I infer that a proper presentation of its enormity and wrong, will at once secure a promise from every honorable member of the profession that he will, if not resign forthwith, at least not renew his contracts when his present term expires. There is nothing "drastic" about that—he simply stays in the fold, or goes out, of his own action.

It is well enough known that most of these societies are wealthy and have funds invested. Such then should not receive our services as paupers or mendicants. Their membership and successful working are largely due to their furnishing medical attendance free. That is the main consideration for members to join.

Those physicians who serve them do so as an indirect means of advertising (at the expense of the profession at large). Hence the Committee on Ethics did well to put their objections to lodge practice and newspaper advertising and puffing on the same level, and condemn both in the same breath and in similar terms. If one kind of advertising is tabooed so should the other; for, of the two, accepting lodge work is the more insidiously sneaking and underhanded. The result will then be that only the most degraded sort of practitioners will be willing to accept such dirty and degrading work.

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Pamphlets and Reprints.

Prospectus of the London Post-Graduate Course.

Proceedings of the Society for the Study of Inebriety.

Address on Hygiene. By Thomas J. Mays, M.D., of Philadelphia.

Spinal Surgery, a report of eight cases. By Robert Abbé, M.D., Prof. of Surgery, Post-Graduate School of New York.

Relation of Eye-strain to General Medicine. By George M. Gould, M.D., Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Philadelphia Hospital.

In the August number of *Wood's Medical and Surgical Monographs* are found: *Morbid Blushing, its Pathology and Treatment.* By Harry Campbell, M.D.; *Alcoholism in Women.* By Dr. Thorneuf, Paris; *The Different Methods of Lifting and Carrying the Sick and Injured.* By George H. Darwin, M.D.; *Treatment of Ingrowing Toe-nail.* By Joseph Amiard, M.D.; *Chronic Bronchitis and its Treatment.* By William Murrell, M.D.

Personal.

DR. J. D. THORBURN (Tor. '87) has recently returned to Toronto from Manchester, England.

PROF. OSLER, of Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, paid a flying visit to Toronto, Sept. 23rd.

PROF. HOWARD A. KELLEY and his assistant, Dr. Robb, from Baltimore, were in Toronto September 20th to 22nd.

DR. MCFARLANE, of Toronto, met with a severe accident while returning from Europe. When he was getting off the steamer at New York, September 16, he fell and received a compound dislocation of the leg about three inches above the ankle joint. He was taken to the Long Island College Hospital in Brooklyn, where he remains at present. No serious symptoms have appeared, and his condition is favorable in all respects.

Miscellaneous.

REFORM IN THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD.—We are glad to see that the subject of funeral reform is engaging the attention of the clergy. A society of clergymen in Topeka, Kansas, has passed resolutions opposing the custom, on the part of pall-bearers and friends, of uncovering the head at the commitment of the body to the grave. The local medical society has unanimously endorsed these resolutions. It would be well if all similar associations would pass resolutions to the same effect.—*Brooklyn Medical Journal.*