

last. Both convictions were quashed with costs, and the Judge said he had come to that conclusion without any regret, as he thought the appellant (who had done his utmost to secure his rights to registration from the Ontario Medical Council) had been harshly dealt with.—*Can. Lancet*.

### Medical Items.

—Another death from chloroform is announced. It occurred at St. Johnsbury, Vt., and the victim was a young man who was being anæsthetized for the extraction of a tooth. Surely ether will soon altogether supercede more dangerous chloroform.

—At the annual meeting of the Ottawa Medico-Chirurgical Society, held Jan. 9, 1880, the following officers were elected for the year:—*Prest.*, Dr. Carmichael, *1st Vice-Prest.*, Dr. L. C. Prevost, *2d Vice-Prest.*, Dr. E. C. Malloch, *Sec'y and Treas.*, Dr. R. W. Powell. The Society meets regularly twice a month. During 1879, the average attendance was over 12.

—The appointment of a Registrar-General over the head of Dr. Farr has met with universal condemnation. The latter has resigned in consequence of this action of the British Government. One is at a loss to conceive how the merits of a gentleman who, during thirty years of memorable service, had made for himself a world-wide reputation could ever thus have been overlooked.

OBITUARY.—We regret exceedingly to see in the *British Med. Journal* the announcement of the death of Mr. Ernest Carr Jackson, one of the surgeons of the National Orthopædic Hospital of London. Although but 26 years of age, his writings on his special subject had already attracted attention, and he was marked as one of the rising men sure to be further heard from. Having had the pleasure of personal acquaintance with Mr. Jackson, we know what a loss his premature decease must be to his many professional friends.

DEATH OF SOELBERG WELLS.—Dr. Soelberg Wells died at his home in London, Dec. 8th. Dr. Wells was professor of ophthal-