

own and borrowed handkerchiefs bandaged the limb tightly, put the patient in a cab, and drove to the nearest hospital. There they were received by a young surgeon or his *locum tenens*. "You've bandaged this very well," said the hospital surgeon. "You flatter me," said the great gun. "Not at all," said the other, "I suppose you have been attending an ambulance class. They say a little learning is a dangerous thing, but the little you've learnt you've put to good account. I can't give you your umbrella now, but if you leave your address it shall be sent home." "I had best give you my card," said the eminent surgeon. And he did so.

—The following poem is entitled by the author as "A Wish." Oddly enough, at his death it was entirely fulfilled :

Spare me the whispering, crowded room,
 The friends who come, and gape, and go;
 The ceremonious air of gloom—
 All, which makes death a hideous show!
 Nor bring, to see me cease to live,
 Some doctor full of phrase and fame,
 To shake his sapient head, and give
 The ill he cannot cure a name.
 Nor fetch, to take the accustom'd toll
 Of the poor sinner bound for death,
 His brother-doctor of the soul,
 To canvas, with official breath,
 The future, and its viewless things—
 That undiscover'd mystery
 Which one who feels death's winnowing wings,
 Must needs read clearer, sure, than he!

MATTHEW ARNOLD.

THE PRACTICE OF LICKING SORE EYES.—At the recent annual meeting of the *Société française d'ophthalmologie* a curious communication was made by Professor Costomiris, of Athens. It seems that ever since the days of Æsculapius the Greek populace have practiced licking sore eyes as a method of cure. For this important office a person is insisted upon who has a clean mouth and good teeth and is not a smoker. If it is a girl, she must not operate during her menstrual period. The lickers must commence work before eating, and they are required to wash out the mouth carefully and then chew a certain quantity of *Galega officinalis*, to take away all germs from the tongue. Dr. Costomiris has watched the practice for