5th. That method, rather than medicine, had a good deal to do with the results, and that probably the operator, would have succeeded equally well, in a very large number of cases, without any medicine whatever.

6th. That from the difficulty of diagnosing such cases, it is better to conduct every operation with antisoptic precautions."

## Miscellaneous.

WE learn with regret of the death of Mr. Chas. Spence Bate, F.R.S., L. D.S., of Plymouth England, on the 29th July last. He was one of the leaders in dental reform in England, and a valued member of the British Dental Association. At the time of the meeting of the ninth International Medical Congress in Washington, he paid Toronto and Montreal a visit.

THE Rev. John Ward, who was Vicar of Stratford-on-Avon, from 1648 to 1679, kept a diary from which the following extracts are made: "Uppon a signe about Fleet Bridg this is written, 'Here lives Peter de la Roch and George Goslin, both which, and no other, are sworn operators to the King's teeth.' "There are several sorts of physicians, said one: first those can talk but doe nothing; secondly, that can doe but not talk, thirdly, some that can both doe and talk; fourthly, some that can neither doe nor talk, and these get most monie."

## WHAT CAN I DO?

- "What can I do that others have not done?
  What can I think that others have not thought?
  What can I teach that others have not taught?
  What is there left for me beneath the sun?
  My labour seems so useless, all I try
  I weary of before 'tis well begun;
  I scorn to grovel, and I cannot fly."
- "Hush! Hush! repining heart! there's One whose eye Esteems each honest thought and act and word, Noble as poet's songs or patriot's sword. Be true to Him: He will not pass thee by, He may not ask thee 'mid His stars to shine, And yet He needeth thee. His work is thine."

Montreal.

JOHN READE.