

France and Great Britain, as well as all over this country and Canada. "Supplies," says Doctor Flexner, "have even been sent to India and Jerusalem, but they have as yet made no reports."—*The Post-Graduate*.

Evidence of Respiration

After carefully reviewing the literature relative to the Breslau test, Hobohm publishes the following conclusions in the *Vierteljahrsch f. Gericht. Med.* No matter whether the body be fresh or decomposing, distension of the stomach and first part of the duodenum may always be regarded as evidence of life. No medico-legal importance is to be attached to possible intra-uterine respiration, for in order that air may reach the intestine it is necessary that the child should not die immediately after birth. When intra-uterine respiration and artificial inflation can be definitely excluded, the presence of air in the stomach alone strongly suggests live birth. It must, however, be remembered that a few bubbles of air in the stomach, without distension and buoyancy of the organ when placed in water, do not by themselves constitute evidence of respiration. The gases formed by putrefactive processes never give rise to a uniform distension of the lumen. Lastly, in cases where a positive result has been obtained from the lung test, absence of air in the stomach is of no value as negative evidence of respiration.—*The Hospital*.

In order to show that spitting on the sidewalks is dangerous to health, an investigation has been made by Dr. John Robertson, medical health officer of Birmingham, England, which shows that seven per cent. of the "spits" collected in public places contained consumption germs. On the other hand, the dust collected from the floors of the cottages of the Adirondack Cottage Sanitarium has been found to be free of tuberculosis germs, showing that a careful consumptive is not dangerous.—*Western Medical Review*.

Warning Against Selecting the Medical Profession

The Leipsic League has lately again undertaken to dissuade the graduates of our secondary schools from undertaking the study of medicine. In the circular issued for this purpose it is