

their cleanliness is not great, that the nursing is poor, that the patients are poorly fed, inhumanly treated, and barbarously experimented upon.

PRACTICAL INSTRUCTIONS IN OBSTETRICS.—While the theory of midwifery is presented to medical students in our colleges with great care and sufficient fullness, it is certainly lamentable that the great majority of graduates go out from school without any actual experience of real cases. Occasionally the professor of obstetrics is so connected with such hospital facilities as to enable him to afford one or more cases to each candidate of his class; but these facilities are exceptional, and doubtless the great majority of graduates put out their shingles without ever having witnessed a case of actual labor.—*Obstetric Gazette*.

—The *Chicago Medical Journal and Examiner* criticises the appearance of the “divine Sarah.” Though it may be the aim of fashionable ladies of the present day to appear somewhat ethereal yet the attenuation attained by the Bernhardt must be considered beyond what is desirable, for the above paper says, “she was so thin that when she took a pill she looked as if she was pregnant!”

A CONSULTATION.

A single Doctor like a sculler plies,
The patient lingers and, by inches dies.
But two physicians, like a pair of oars,
Waft him with swiftness to the Stygian shores.

—*London Medical Gazette*.

—Toll the bell then for another “good intention” gone, for another lofty purpose shrivelled in an unthrifty soil. Write as its epitaph that Bellevue tried to be better than its neighbors, but it lacked the stamina and returned from a moral to a commercial basis, leaving behind its high resolves. Learn from its action that money seemed better than educational elevation, and students than medical reform.—*N. Y. Med. Record*.

“WHO SHALL DECIDE WHEN DOCTORS,” ETC.—The medical profession is *Jenner*-ally represented as disinclined to be hand and glove with Dr. Kidd. This is a *Quain*-t way of putting it.—*Punch*.