

THE SOCIETY OF MEDICAL PHONOGRAPHERS.—In Great Britain the Society of Medical Phonographers has been founded to promote the use of phonetic short-hand in medical work. This society has made steady progress, and it now numbers two hundred and fifty names on its membership roll. This society issues the *Record*, a monthly medical periodical in lithographed short-hand, and has recently published two small pamphlets dealing with the use of short-hand by the student and by the practitioner respectively. More recently a list of twenty-five hundred phonographic outlines of medical terms has been issued. The value of short-hand as a means of securing not only adequate records of facts, but of intercommunication, has led to the establishment of various circulating manuscript magazines, each of which presents the advantages of a small medical society even to those who are in remote parts of the kingdom, while at the same time affording practice in reading. The annual subscription to the society, which is five shillings, or in the case of students before qualification three shillings, entitles the subscriber to receive post-free all the phonographic literature issued by the society for the year. The society has petitioned the General Medical Council to make short-hand an optional mark-bearing subject at the preliminary examination. The educational committee of the Council has had this petition under consideration and will report on it at the next meeting. Dr. Gowers has been chiefly instrumental in securing the organization of the society.

The New York Board of Health has under consideration the banishing of dogs from the streets.

The Philadelphia *Polyclinic* says that while in this country only one per cent. of epileptics recover, in Germany, under the village system, five or six recover, and more than half of those admitted are greatly improved.

A suit for \$20,000, brought by a Mrs. Yinsley for alleged dissection of her husband's body at the Central Medical College of St. Joseph, Mo., has been won by the college. This is the second trial and it is to be hoped the last.

The death of Rokitansky, the Viennese opera singer, at the age of sixty, and son of the celebrated Austrian pathologist, who also had a son a physician, recalls the answer given by Rokitansky, Sr., when asked what his sons did. He said: "*Der eine heilt und der andere heult*," i.e., "One heals and the other howls."

A modification of the Hagedorn needle has been devised by Dr. J. A. Dibrell, Jr., of Little Rock. The point and the eye ends are of the