

keep abreast of the times with his reading, or if he is not within reach of the city and its hospital clinics he is very apt to drop into the rear rank.

CONTRACT LODGE WORK.

Did time permit I would like to add my protest against the debasing practice of contract lodge work.

Vampire never bled its prey more mercilessly than the pseudo-benevolent societies have the lodge doctor. While wholly dependent on him for existence, the lodge committees have dictated a ridiculous fee for his services, and the plastic physician, by his acceptance of it, has signed an acknowledgment that he has joined the army of men who are doing business by giving "a quarter off," "tremendous bargains," "slaughter sale," or "cut-rate tickets."

Nowhere is the medical profession "on the down grade" so much as in pandering to this influence, and, left to their own impulses, as they have been in the past, with no authoritative mandate on the subject, a certain class of physicians continue to transgress. The very worst feature of the whole affair is that they are nearly a unit in declaring against the practice, and, believing it is subversive of the best interest of the profession, are willing to abandon it, but are deterred from doing so because some of their confrères are only watching to slip into their shoes.

Inertia of the Uterus.—Dr. Williams, of Ingersoll, recited a case of inertia of the uterus following the use of chloroform. He had seen the case in consultation. It was one of those in which there was great difficulty in extracting a very large child, fourteen pounds. The labor was prolonged to about eighteen hours. After delivery the uterus appeared to contract for a short time and then relax. There was a great deal of hæmorrhage. The hypodermatic use of ergot, F. E., together with friction within the uterus and upon the abdomen, at the same time making use of injections of very hot water, brought on the contractions, and a favorable result ensued. The writer discussed the various causes given by authors for this trouble, and said he was at a loss to know just what caused the inertia in this case. He advised the use of chloroform, but would limit the amount to the least possible. He thought the hot water, together with the friction, brought about the best results. We should never conduct a case without making provision for a plentiful supply of hot water.

Gangrene of the Rectum.—Dr. Luke Teskey, Toronto, reported a case of gangrene of the rectum. The patient had been referred to him by Dr. Geo. Elliott. General abdominal pains began to be complained