

Personal.

DR. A. D. HOLMES (McGill, '89) has opened an office in Detroit.

DR. BILLINGS, of Washington, is to receive the D.C.L. degree from Oxford University.

THE Pathological Society of Toronto elected Dr. R. A. Reeve to the presidency for the ensuing year.

DR. HENRY M. HURD, of Pontiac, Mich., has accepted the office of Superintendent of the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Miscellaneous.

IF you feel mad when some rude person runs into you in the street, how must you feel when a locomotor ataxia?—*N. Y. Commercial Advertiser*.

DR. MATTHEWS DUNCAN says that fertility is surest in its occurrence, and safest and most happy in its results, when the woman is between twenty and twenty-five and the man five years older. During these ages the dangers to the mother are at a minimum, and the production of healthy, long-lived, vigorous offspring most certain.—*American Lancet*.

It has frequently been noted that the New Englander is very cautious in his language, and that he rarely gives a direct answer to a question. A gentleman said to a friend whose family were not noted for active habits, "Was not your father's death very sudden?" Slowly drawing one hand from his pocket and pulling down his beard, the interrogated cautiously replied: "Wa-al, rather sudden for him."

NOTED CASE OF DROWNING.—It is reported that a man well under the influence of alcoholic liquor recently went into a saloon in Trenton, N.J., and called for a glass of beer, which was given him on a table at which he was seated. He was soon observed to be leaning forward upon the table as if in a sleep or stupor. "When the barkeeper tried to arouse him half an hour

later it was found that he was dead, his nose being immersed in the liquor in such a way that respiration was completely stopped." Many cases have been reported of persons having been drowned in but little depth of water, but this is the first case reported of a man drowning himself in a glass of beer.—*Journal of A. M. A.*

JOY AMONG THE CONVICTS.—The prisoners at Sing Sing are said to have sent up a shout of joy when they heard the bill permitting them to go to work had become law. For a year they have been idle, in consequence of the Yates' Bill, and sickness and lunacy have been more frequent than ever in the history of the prison. Largely through the efforts of the State Charities Aid Association the Fassit Bill has been passed, permitting the prisoners to go back to the shops. Work in the factories will be resumed in a short time, and the prisoners are themselves hard at work putting the machinery and shops in order. The testimony of the physicians and keepers shows that the prisoners have suffered to a surprising degree, both in body and in mind, from their enforced idleness.—*N. Y. Med. Jour.*

THE UTILIZATION OF GARBAGE.—According to the "Bulletin of the Rhode Island State Board of Health" for May, the city of Milwaukee will soon abandon the cremation of garbage, which it was among the first of the western cities to adopt and advocate. It is proposed to substitute a drying process in the place of combustion. A company is at work with a new method which converts cities' refuse into articles more or less saleable. The garbage is made to pass through a series of mechanical driers, and in the course of ten hours becomes a brown powder. The oil is pressed out or drawn off, and the residue can be sold as a fertilizer.—*N. Y. Med. Jour.*

WHEN MARRIAGE IS A FAILURE.—According to a bachelor editor, the following is why so many marriages prove a failure: He says that nine-tenths of the unhappy marriages are the result of green human calves being allowed to run at large in the society pastures without any yokes on them. They marry and have children before they do mustaches; they are fathers of twins before they have two pairs of pants, and