

CHLORAL IN PUERPERAL ECLAMPSIA.—M. Dugardin extols (*Gaz. Méd. de Paris*, Feb. 1), the good effect of chloral in puerperal eclampsia and protracted labour. He thinks that it will replace chloroform in many cases, having the advantage over this latter of being employed where we require to keep the patient for a long time under the influence of some anæsthetic. In those cases of very nervous women, where the pains during the first stage of labour are very severe, or recur very frequently, and cause much unnecessary suffering and waste of power, chloral acts very beneficially, diminishing the frequency and intensity, but not the efficacy of the pains—thus shortening the duration of labour and lessening the shock to the system.

ERGOTINE AS A HÆMOSTATIC.—C. H. Boardman, M.D., St. Paul, Minn., (*North-Western Med. and Surg. Four.*) speaks highly of ergotine, hypodermically given, in an obstinate case of placenta prævia, after all other remedies had failed. For a period of two weeks the perils incident to this grave condition were averted, and the patient brought safely to within a fortnight of her full time.

NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION OF TORONTO.—Gentlemen who have unwittingly neglected to remit their fee for the copies of the Tariff (recently adopted by the Medical Practitioners of Toronto), will oblige by sending it without delay to the Secretary of Committee, P.O. Box 1377.

APPOINTMENTS.—Dr. Reeve, of Toronto, has been appointed to the office of Ophthalmic and Aural Surgeon on the medical staff of the Toronto General Hospital. Dr. Copeland, of St. Catharines, has been appointed House Surgeon to the General Hospital, St. Catharines; and Dr. F. L. Mack, Consulting Surgeon. George Wesley Bigger, of the village of Lynden, Esquire, M.D., to be an Associate Coroner within and for the county of Wentworth. William Henry Chrysler, of the village of Claremont, Esquire, M.B., to be an Associate Coroner within and for the county of Brant. Allan Cameron, of the town of Owen Sound, Esquire, M.D., to be an Associate Coroner within and for the county of Grey. George Landerkin, of the village of Hanover, M.D., and William R. Flesher, of the village of Flesherton, M.D., Esquires, to be Commissioners per *dedimus potestatum* within and for the county of Grey.

Book Notices.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF CLINICAL MEDICINE. Being a Guide to the Investigation of Diseases. For the Use of Students. By Octavius Sturges, M.D., Cantab; Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians; Assistant Physician to the Westminster Hospital, etc. Philadelphia: Henry C. Lea, 1873, pp. 127. Toronto: Copp, Clark, & Co.

The above work contains a comprehensive and condensed system of rules for the examination of diseases, covering the whole ground of diagnostic inquiry into the history and condition of the patient. It will be found eminently useful, both to the student and practitioner.

INSANITY IN ITS RELATIONS TO CRIME. A Text and a Commentary. By William A. Hammond, M.D., Professor of Diseases of the Mind and Nervous System, etc., etc. New York: D. Appleton & Co., 1873, pp. 78. Toronto: Willing & Williamson.

The author maintains that the protection of society demands proper punishment of persons who commit homicide under insane impulses, though they may not be morally responsible as criminals. It is a very interesting and readable monograph on this subject, useful alike to medical men and jurists. It is also quite suitable for popular reading.

YOSEMITE.—We have received this beautiful oil chromo from the publishers of *Wood's Household Magazine*. It is 14 by 20 inches in size, is printed in 17 oil colors, and is a beautiful work of art. It is offered as a premium to subscribers to the magazine. Any person remitting \$1.50, American currency, will receive this beautiful chromo and the magazine for one year and three months. The chromo alone is worth double the money. The October number of the magazine contains a complete description of this interesting picture, and an engraving on a small scale, which gives a good idea of the picture itself.

OPHTHALMIC CONTRIBUTIONS—I. Dermoid tumor of the Cornea; II. Method of Determining Astigmatism; III. Cyst of the Iris removed by Operation. By George Strawbridge, M.D. Philadelphia: Lindsay & Blakiston.

NEW METHOD OF TREATING STRICTURES OF THE URETHRA AFTER EXTERNAL SECTION. By C. H. Martin, M.D., Mobile, Alabama.