

work, where other useful hints are given for the preservation of the eyesight.—*Paris Correspondent of the London Lancet.*

A DICTIONARY OF MEDICAL SPECIALISTS.—There was recently published in London a classified list of London practitioners who chiefly attend to particular departments of medicine and surgery. The editor is a member of the legal profession, and the principal result of the work is to demonstrate how dangerous it is to meddle with affairs of which one knows nothing. Practically it is a trades list, or what is called a classified business directory. We have not seen this work, but from what is said about it in the *Lancet*, the reading of it must be entertaining. The venerable President of the College of Physicians, Sir Andrew Clark, to take an example, is exactly defined in this dictionary. He is no longer the broad, general physician refusing to be shut out of any corner or cavity of the body where he can find any disease to battle against; he is a specialist, or rather he is three specialists in one. He is a specialist for children, he is great on the eye, and he is to be consulted specially on midwifery and the diseases of women. The profession must not expect to be able hereafter to consult him on general matters, but may take their cataract cases to him, or fly to him at night for assistance in cross-births. How convenient this book will be to the medical profession, and how helpful to the British public! Strange to say, we are not told the hours at which Sir Andrew Clark may be seen.

DOGMATIC RECTITUDE.—To many practitioners whose student days were passed at the medical school of McGill University, it will be a mournful piece of news that a trusty servant of the college has been stricken with a malady which, regarded even in the most favorable light, is one of gloomy prognosis. It was, we believe, in 1883 that the present incumbent of the post of janitor, Mr. James Cook of Brighton, Sussex, England, succeeded the late Mr. Thomas Cook, formerly of Her Majesty's army. Students who were in college at the period of his assumption of office will remember that Mr. James Cook came provided with an efficient and painstaking quadrupedal assistant whose honesty of purpose and power of governing men equalled that for which