

than by mixing it with other people's drink or even with their own."

PROF. WHITE, who has just resigned the Chair of Physical Education in the University of Pennsylvania after three years' distinguished services, recently made war on cigarette smoking, and succeeded in banishing it entirely from the college buildings and grounds. "It is a pity," *the Doctor* says, "there are no more like him."

DR. ARTHUR MITCHELL, from a large number of statistics, has come to the conclusion that illegitimacy is a very common cause of idiocy; the mental agony undergone by the mother, causing an arrest of development of the embryo.

NEBRASKA has established a State Board of Health, to consist of seven persons, two from each Congressional District, and one at large, with the Governor as presiding officer. Those appointed must be graduated physicians, of at least ten years' consecutive practice, and the term of office is to be seven years.

ON a death-certificate lately received by the Boston Board of Health the cause of death given by the physician signing it was: "over-study induced by the Boston public schools' system of cramming."

NOTES ON CURRENT LITERATURE.

THE METHODISTS AND THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND is the title of a neat pamphlet of a hundred pages, by Mr. F. C. Ireland, of Lachute, P. Q. The author, who was once a minister in the Methodist Church, but is now a member of the Church of England, as the Montreal "Witness" says, "sets forth with much learning and much rhetorical acumen that the Methodist Church is a failure, and has been so ever since, in disobedience to the behest of their founder, the Methodists separated from the Church of England." The pamphlet is well adapted for public distribution, and the proceeds are devoted to the Mission Fund. The writer concludes "that the Church of England is more Wesleyan than the present generation of Methodists."

THE MEDICAL AND SURGICAL HISTORY OF THE NORTH-WEST REBELLION, as told by members of the hospital staff corps, is a sixty-page pamphlet, published separate from the larger or Parliamentary Report,

which has recently come to our notice. We are impressed and pleased with the prominence and attention evidently given throughout the campaign by the surgeon-general and also others of the staff to prophylactic measures. Instructions regarding sanitary precautions were evidently common and universal and doubtless effective in preserving so well the health of the troops, which was highly creditable to the foresight and care alike of the staff and its chief. Instructions relating to personal cleanliness were not overlooked from the beginning, and the "rank and file" must have received sound, useful lessons in hygiene.

IN THE CENTURY for July the lighter material is of a sparkling out-of-doors character, and naturally takes precedence in attractiveness at this season. The opening paper by John Burroughs, on Wild-Flowers, is profusely illustrated, and is likely to set many a young woman and summer boarder to botanizing; another, by W. J. Henderson, on "The Sportsman's Music," giving pictures of live game birds and recording the musical notes of their songs, appeals more to the other sex. A third paper treats of "Animal Locomotion in the Muybridge Photographs," with a lot of drolly fascinating pictures not fully seen before in nature. We find a humorous story, of a somewhat serious character, with a moral. "Sister Todhunter's Heart." The Lincoln History closes the Kansas troubles and interesting and hitherto unpublished letters by Lincoln and Greeley are given. There is much more that is of interest—poetry, and articles on social, political and religious questions.

THE ANNALS OF SURGERY for July (J. H. Chambers & Co., St. Louis, Mo., and Bailliere, Tindall & Cox, London, Eng.) is a highly interesting number. A lengthy chapter, concluding "the four months' operative work at the New York Hospital," is full of interest, and of much value to the surgical practitioner. Long chapters on "Thyroidectomy" and "Perineal Urethrotomy" illustrate the wonderful progress recently made in surgical practice—largely owing, doubtless to the antiseptic treatment. The "Index of Surgical Practice" gives a vast amount of practically useful information.