

California diplomas in return. As in Canada, the question of medical reciprocity is far from being on a satisfactory basis, and it will be many years before it is accomplished.

The hospitals of Los Angeles are a credit to the medical profession, for, with the exception of the magnificent County Institution for the Poor and the sightly and commodious Sisters' Catholic hospitals, they are nearly all owned and controlled by individuals or companies composed almost entirely of doctors. The best of them are handsomely furnished with from two to five operating rooms of the most approved character. The poor man or woman has no right to be sick in Los Angeles, for hospital charges range from \$15 to \$50 per week, and special nurses, if required, \$25 per week extra, besides drugs and the physicians' charges. Physicians' fees partake of that characteristic elasticity which estimates the ability of the patient to pay—feeling his pulse means feeling his purse. Day visits, \$2.50; night visits, \$5.00; office consultation, \$1.50 to \$5.00; and if you come with an introduction from a leading eastern surgeon, the office consultation fee may more likely be \$15.00. Operations are charged for without any unanimity save to obtain all the patient will or can stand. A wealthy man pays \$1500 for an ordinary appendectomy, and the same surgeon will operate for another man for \$50. Hysterectomies are scaled from \$100 to \$3000. A moderate charge for a Colles' fracture is \$75.00, while other fractures bring from \$100 to \$500. The minimum charge for obstetrical cases is \$25.00. As far as possible all the sick are sent to the hospitals, particularly by those physicians fortunate enough to hold stock in some of the paying institutions. The public generally recognize the advantages of good nursing, and trained nurses are in good demand, and are paid \$25 and \$30 per week. All of the hospitals have training schools connected with the institution, but the training received in the private hospitals is not as thorough as that secured at the County Hospital. But the nurses in the former acquire a more extended acquaintance with the busiest practitioners which is of great advantage when they are ready for private nursing.

The grasping, rustling, hustling spirit of the average Yankee seems to pervade the profession in Los Angeles, and by the majority success is gauged by the amount of work accomplished and profits secured.