

Miscellaneous.

INFANT MORTALITY IN PARIS.—More than 155,000 children under one year die annually in Paris, the greater number of them owing to neglect on the part of their mothers. The proportion of illegitimate births, which at the beginning of the century was four or five per cent. of all births, is now nearly nine per cent. for France and twenty-eight per cent. for Paris. Among the children of Paris wet nurses the average mortality is seventy-seven per cent.—*Medical Record*.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA REJECTS THE PETITION OF THE HAHNEMANN HOSPITAL COLLEGE.—At the last meeting of the Regents of the University of California fourteen members of the Board voted against the admission of the Hahnemann Hospital College to affiliation with the University, and only four in favor of such admission. The petition of the Hahnemann Hospital was therefore rejected.

Bearing upon the above is a clipping from "Prattle" by Ambrose Bierce, in the San Francisco Sunday *Examiner* of September 12th, 1897 :

"I am sorry to observe that my genial friend Dr. George Chismore does not carry into his professional relations the tolerant amiability that distinguishes him in his social. He must know and feel, for example, that the homœopaths are the humorists of the medical profession; that they are not only infinitely amusing, but entirely harmless, nobody dying under their hands except those who can be spared. Yet their demand for 'affiliation' with the State University provokes the Doctor to turn loose his muse and 'sick' her on, greatly to the infraction of their peace. 'Tis this that he is moved to say of the matter :

"For God's sake, sirs ! What have you done ?
Is there some vessel, nerve or bone,
Or any least thing of your own,
Of fact to show it ?
If such there be, I freely own
I do not know it.

"The one excuse on which you fall—
That Doctor Hahnemann knew all
About diseases great and small
There was to know—
Is just the sample of the gall
You always show.