

THE EXPERIMENT AND THE PRINCIPLE.—Dr. Holmes in his recent Harvard address relates the following anecdote about the first Professor of Chemistry. "This experiment, gentlemen," he is represented as saying, "is one of remarkable brilliancy. As I touch the powder you see before me with a drop of this fluid, it bursts into a sudden and brilliant flame," which it most emphatically does *not* do as he makes the contact. "Gentlemen," he says with a serene smile, "the experiment has failed; but the principle, gentlemen, the principle remains firm as the everlasting hills."

Personal.

CHAS. WM. SIEMENS, died in London, et. 63, on the 20th of November.

H. BENICE JONES, M. D., was accidentally shot in the ankle. The leg had to be amputated, and death resulted.

DR. FRANK KRAUSS has been appointed Examiner in German and French at the University of Trinity College.

PARKDALE Board of Health have appointed Major Gray Chairman, C. F. Mansell, Sec., and G. G. Rowe, M. D., Health Officer.

DR. MCGILL, of Oshawa, died Nov. 9th. He was one of the best known and highly respected among our Canadian Physicians. He was prominent in Political as well as Medical matters.

JAMES SHUTER, Assistant Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's, died suddenly on November 1st. Death was supposed to be due to an overdose of morphine, hypodermically administered by himself to relieve the pain of an attack of sciatica, accompanied with an acute nephritis.

THE following gentlemen were admitted Licentiates of the Royal College of Physicians, London, on October 25th:—J. C. Bowser, M. D., McGill; Geo. Carruthers, M. D., McGill; F. J. Dolsen, M. B., E. M. Hoople, M. B., J. E. Jenner, M. B., and L. Backus, M. B., all of Toronto.

J. M. DEPAUL, the pupil and successor of Paul Dubois, died October 22nd at the age of 72. He was one of the founders of the Biological Society. He took a lively interest in politics. He published a number of works. His perseverance is evidenced by the numerous *concours* he passed in order to become a Hospital Surgeon at the age of 42, although he had never directed as titular a large surgical service.

THE friends of Dr. L. M. Sweetnam, of this city, will be pained to hear of the accident which befel him. While driving on College street the wheel of his buggy broke, and the horse ran away. Dr. Sweetnam threw himself from the vehicle, and dislocated his right shoulder. We are glad to be able to state that his injuries, though painful, are not of a serious nature. He is progressing favourably.

J. MARION SIMS, M. D., was born in 1813, in South Carolina. He graduated in medicine at the South Carolina Medical College in 1832, and Jefferson College in 1835. He settled in Montgomery, Alabama. It was there that he began that course of study, in which in after years he achieved such brilliant triumphs. With a private hospital of sixteen beds, maintained at his personal expense, and occupied chiefly by slave girls, he pursued the study of vesico-vaginal fistulæ, with "energy, endurance and enthusiasm." In 1853 he removed to New York, where he founded the Woman's Hospital. In 1861 he visited Europe, and introduced his methods of operation. He was well received, and formed numerous and powerful friends. He was invested with many honourable decorations, and was enrolled amongst the members of many of the prominent medical societies. He was President of the American Medical Association in 1875. In 1880 he suffered from a severe attack of pneumonia, from the effects of which he never entirely recovered. On the morning of the 13th of November, his death took place suddenly and unexpectedly, as the autopsy shewed from obstruction of the circulation from degeneration of the muscular fibres of the coronary arteries.

Married.

BURNHAM—SMITH—On Wednesday, 14th ult. at "Hamilton House," Cobourg, the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. Canon Stennett, M. A., Dr. George Herbert Burnham, Toronto, son of the late Dr. Burnham, Peterboro', to Frances Sarah, only daughter of the Hon. Sidney Smith, Q. C., formerly Postmaster-General of Canada.

Deaths.

MAINWARING—On the 18th inst., N. E. Mainwaring, M. D., St. George, aged 70 years.
ROGERS—At Mount Forest, on November 6th, Dr. S. R. Rogers, in the 26th year of his age.
MCGILL—In Oshawa, on November 9th, Dr. William McGill, Ex-M. P., in the 77th year of his age.
DELAHAYE—At Winnipeg, on the 20th of November, Dr. DeLaHaye, late of Toronto, aged 40 years.