

suffice; thence to Cedar Keys, Florida, and thence to the best localities. Dr. Shattuck has called attention to the important fact that the harbor at Nassau is constantly *flushed*—no stagnation occurring in bights or pools, etc. This arises from its peculiar conformation, which allows the tide thoroughly to wash, in a straight course, through its whole extent, backwards and forwards—certainly a highly valuable hygienic provision.

A word of caution, in conclusion, to invalid sojourners at the South. Do not hurry back because it begins to grow very warm—*hot*, perhaps—by the middle or last of April. Change your quarters slowly. If in May the Floridian temperature becomes excessive, inducing languor and prostration, a move, of course, had better be made. The gravest error you can commit, however, is *suddenly* to exchange the soft, tropical air for the sharp, moist, terribly penetrating, northerly and easterly winds of New England and Canada.

Obstetric Aphorisms for the use of students commencing Midwifery practice.—by JOSEPH GRIFITHS SWAYNE, M.D., Physician accoucheur to the Bristol General Hospital, second American from the fifth English Edition, with additions by Edward R. Hutchins. Philadelphia, Henry C. Lea—1873—Montreal, Dawson Brothers.

Two years ago the first American Edition of this work was issued, and was speedily exhausted—a sure and certain indication, that it met and supplied a need, which was felt by students, and those just commencing the practice of their profession. Indeed we consider the little work to be by far the very best of its kind that we have ever seen, and the information to be conveyed in clear, plain, and concise language. Although it is intended for those young in the profession, those older would have their minds much refreshed by a glance at its pages. The additions by the American Editor are many of them very valuable, and considerably add to the practical character of the work. We notice however, that although Dr. Swayne advises Chloral Hydrate, as preferable to Opium in Puerperal Mania, the American Editor says “in this disease our hope should be in Opium or the Lancet.” A contradiction of this kind is out of place, and should not occur.

DECENNIAL CATALOGUE OF THE BELLEVUE HOSPITAL MEDICAL COLLEGE.—This elegantly-bound volume is entitled: the “First Decennial Catalogue of the Trustees, Faculty, Officers, and of the Alumni of the Bellevue Hospital Medical

College, of the City of New York, from 1861 to 1871,” and is compiled by Frederick A. Castle, M.D., Historian of the Alumni Association. Dr. Leroy M. Yale gives the history of the school from its organization to 1872. The total number of names of graduates in the catalogue is 1,073. The names of 18 graduates, who have become irregular practitioners, are properly omitted. The tinted paper, clear type, and the general arrangement of the catalogue, have not been equalled by previous works of other similar organizations.

Medical Items.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of this Association will be held this year in London. The session occurs on the 6th, 7th and 8th of August. The present roll of membership has upwards of five thousand members.

CONCEPTION AT ELEVEN YEARS.—Dr. Dills, of Carlisle, Ky., (*The Clinic*, March 29th, 1873), was called to attend a colored girl in labor, aged eleven years and nine months, and found a vertex presentation, first position; the pelvis was large and roomy, labor progressed rapidly, and a living child weighing nine and a half pounds was the result. The girl had never menstruated.

[Lobstein and Canes (*Medico-Chirurgical Review*, October, 1838) each relates a case in which menstruation commenced in, and continued regularly after the second year of age; in one of these cases the girl conceived in her eighth year. B. S. T.]

BIRTHS.

In Montreal, on the 15th April, the wife of Dr. Francis W. Campbell, of a daughter.

At Point St. Charles, Montreal, on the 2nd of May, the wife of Dr. Thomas Rodger, of a son.

At St. Johns, on the 30th inst., Mrs. (Dr.) Brisett, of a daughter.

MARRIED,

In Montreal, on the 7th May, by the Rev. Robert Campbell, M.A., Dr. Peter McLaren, to Lizzie, only daughter of W. Cairns, Esq., all of Durham, Ormstown, Province of Quebec.

In Montreal, on the 15th May, at the Church of Notre Dame by the Rev. Mr. Rousselet, Parish Priest, Alphonse Leclair, Esq., to Mary Julia, only daughter of Samuel B. Schmidt, Esq., M.D., all of Montreal.

DIED,

In Montreal, on the 15th April, Annabella Rodger, infant child of Dr. Francis W. Campbell.

In Montreal, at the General Hospital, on the 28th April, from injuries received while tobogganing on the 1st February last, John Anderson, aged 35 years.

At Quebec, on 9th May, Mrs. Josephine Deschamp, aged 67 years, wife of J. B. Meilleur, M.D., formerly Postmaster of Montreal.

At Quebec, on 15th May, William James Anderson, M.D., L.R.C.S., Edin., aged 61 years.

At Toronto, on the 9th May, Elizabeth, wife of J. P. Russell, M.D., Edin.

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