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*Psycho-Therapeutics or Treatment by Sleep and Suggestion.* By C. LLOYD TUCKEY, M.D. London: Baillière, Tindall & Cox, 20 King William Street, Strand, 1889.

*On the Relation of the Nasal and Neuritic Factors in the Etiology of Asthma.* By F. H. BOSWORTH, M.D., E. L. SHURBY, M.D., N. H. DALY, M.D., A. H. SMITH, M.D. Reprint.

## Personal.

DR. McDONAGH has removed to 289 Church Street.

DR. RICHARD MACDONNELL, of Montreal, will return to Canada early in May.

DR. KYLE, late House Physician at the General Hospital, Kingston, has located at Ianark.

DR. A. H. FERGUSON, Professor of Surgery in the Manitoba Medical College, has left for a six months vacation in Germany.

DR. ROBERT CRAIK has been elected Dean of McGill Faculty of Medicine, in the place of Dr. R. P. Howard, deceased. Dr. George Ross was elected Vice-Dean.

DR. J. S. HARRIS, of Hespeler, Ont., at the Examination of the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, headed the list, taking 785 marks out of a possible 800.

DR. T. MILLMAN has resigned the position of Assistant Medical Superintendent of the Asylum for the Insane, Kingston, Ont., and on May 1st will start practice in Toronto. Residence and office will be 426 Spadina Ave.

## Births, Marriages & Deaths

### BIRTHS.

KING—On Monday, 8th inst., the wife of Edmund E. King, M.D., of a daughter.

REA—On the 9th March, 1889, the wife of James Rea, M.D., of a daughter, 189 Dovercourt Road.

ELLIS—At 294 Dundas Street, Toronto, on the 29th ult., the wife of Austin D. Ellis, M.B., late of Aberdeen, Scotland, of a daughter.

## Miscellaneous.

DR. OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES advises young men not to smoke. "It is liable to injure the sight," he says, "to render the nerves unsteady, to enfeeble the will, and to enslave the nature to an imperious habit likely to stand in the way of a duty to be performed."—*Med. Reg.*

THE MENTAL STATE AT THE APPROACH OF DEATH.—Popular tradition has long asserted that just before a drowning person dies he has a kind of visionary retrospect of the principal events of his past life. It is now believed that the same kind of retrospect occurs in other cases than those of drowning. In a recent communication to the Société de Biologie, M. Féré gave some interesting details bearing on the mental condition of the dying. In some cases the panoramic reproduction comprises all the events of one's existence, while in others it only bears on isolated and insignificant details. In epileptic subjects this form of instantaneous reminiscence is also occasionally observed, and this constitutes a sort of intellectual *aura*. The condition in both cases would seem to point to their being due to some sudden alteration in the cerebral circulation, but M. Féré mentions two cases which appear to show that the phenomenon is possibly of frequent occurrence in death under any circumstances. In one case the patient was succumbing to consumption consequent on spinal disease. Consciousness was already lost when, under the influence of the subcutaneous injection of two grammes of ether, the dying man raised his head and talked with great