

AMERICAN DEGREES AND GENERAL CULTURE.

Mr. A. C. BRIDGES, M.R.C.S. (Brighton) writes: *Apologies* of the conversation given by "M.D." under this heading in the JOURNAL of January 25th, when travelling in the United States in the latter part of 1887, between Chicago and Southern California, I had for some days a fellow passenger, who informed me that the practice of medicine had been "his business this two-and-twenty year," that he "held a degree and a State certificate," and was "located down at —," through which I should pass on my way to the Far West. He buttonholed me on several occasions to expatiate on the greatness of his country, the claims of New York to be considered the most remarkable city in the world, and the most surprising smartness with which his countrymen were getting ahead of Europe in matters medical. His own medical knowledge, however, was somewhat crude, and his account of a *post-mortem* examination he had recently made on a typhoid fever case gave me some amusement. After dilating for some time on the extraordinary conditions in which he had found the brain, heart, and lungs, he seemed to stop, so I asked, "What did you find in the intestines?" His answer was, "Oh, wal, I guess I didn't go down so far as that."

LORD PALMERSTON ON INFLUENZA.

THE following account by Lord Palmerston of his own sufferings from influenza in 1833 will be read with interest just now:—

"To the Hon. Wm. Temple, Naples.—Stanhope Street, April 19th, 1833.—My dear William.—I am concerned to inform you that the whole of the Temple family, with all its connections, have been suffering more or less under the prevailing epidemic; but I, by right of primogeniture, have had a larger portion than the rest. F., E., and myself are all, for the present, confined to our respective houses. My attack began a fortnight ago, and consisted of inflammation on the chest and a violent attack of bile. The first, which was indicated by fever and pain across the chest, yielded immediately to a blister, but left an irritation in the trachea, with cough, which I have only just got quit of. The effect of this sort of attack is great prostration of strength, which requires every three or four hours sago or gruel; and when Dr. Granville, who attended me, found the fever was gone, and that there were no symptoms of inflammation left, he gave me quinine, and ordered me to eat lamb and drink sherry. I mention these details in case the epidemic should travel to Naples, either from Constantinople or London, at both of which capitals it seems to be very rife, that you may know the successful mode of treating it. As soon as any pain is felt on the chest a blister is the specific. What I suffered most from was the obstinate bile, for which I was obliged to take more calomel than I have swallowed for years. However, I am now so nearly well that I am only waiting for a little finer weather to go out again..... It is astonishing how general this disorder has been, with more or less severity according to accident. With F., and E., and S. and his girls, and with G. B., it has only been a violent cold, but without inflammation. I wrote to the King last Wednesday to excuse myself from the levee. P.S.—Dr. Granville makes the most delightful barley water for a cold, with an infusion of lemon juice and an ounce of gum arabic to a pint, and some sugar. It is better than any lozenges. Lady Minto is out of danger, but has been most alarmingly ill."

(Letter of April 23rd.)

"I can give you better accounts of us all, as we are all nearly well again."

(Letter of May 7th.)

"Though I asked Thompson to put off his motion on Friday last, because my whistle was not then quite in tune for a long debate, yet I am now quite well again in every respect, and F. and S. are also almost well, though still some little cough. It is marvellous how many people have had this influenza."

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