to church and am called out, I hear afterwards 'working the Bob Sawyer dodge on Sunday, el, doctor ?' If I am"so busy that I cannot go, I am sure to be asked,' How is it that you doctors are'allyatheists? ? If my wife calls on people, 'it is because she is trying to get patients for me'; but if she doesn't, it is because she is 'too stuck up.' If I cure a patient quickly-get credit, you say? Oh, dear no ; the patient ' wasn't half as bad as the doctor tried to make out; why, he was quite well in a week'; but, on the other hand, should the case develop serious com plications, 'Ah, the doctor never understood the malady; in fact, he was worse when he had been taking the medicine a week than when we was worse when he had been taking the medicine a week than when we called what is the matter,' if I pooh-poolh the idea as unnecessary, I am 'a afraid of showing my ignorance, I am expected to, so to speak, cast a afraid of showing my ignorance. 1 ann expected to, so to speak, cast a horoscope on a baby's life, and tell its mother what its ailments will be If I cant to that, i cannot possibly know very much. I am also expected to foresee all the ills that fiesh is heir to six monthis beforc they come. I once lost a patient whom I treated for influenza becaus I did not foretell an attack of rheumatism which came on three months later. In all cases, if they get worse, the fault lies in the medicine; i they get well, it is 'the goodness of Providence.' If I send in my bill they say 'he is in a terrible hurry for his money'; if I don't, it is 'so unbusiness-like.' 'But we get well paid' do you say? My dear sir, if I received payment for onc-half I do, I should die from shock.'

## Doctors of Surgery

The Concours Merlical states that there are now only three practitioners holding the degree of Doctor of Surgery in France. They are Dr Lamiable of Chateau-Porcien in the Ardennes, who graduated at Strassburg in 1861: Dr. Modet, of Penhars, Finistère, who obtained the degree from the Paris Faculty in 1886 ; and Dr. A. Jallet, of Poitiers.

## New Metric Standards

The Pharmaceutical Journal states that the three new metric standard deposited at the Standards Office, 7, Old Palace Yard, Westminster, are now available for use in the verification of ordinary metric standards. or for the purpose of science or manufacture. They are a "line" standary metre measure (metre à traits), a kilogramme weight, and an "end" standard metre (metre à bouts). The standards were verified at the Bureau International des Poids et Mesures (Sèvres, near Paris), which was established under a metric convention now maintained by twenty-one different states, including Great Britain. The English representative on the committee which is responsible for the maintenance of the international accuracy of metric standards throughout the world is M1. H. J. Chaney, Superintendent of the British Standards Department.

Erratum.-In the thitd line of Dr. Stuart Tidey's letter on the Acids of Gout and Rheumatism in the British Medical Journal of January 25th, p. 244, for "antagonistic" read "autogenctic."

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