The Choice of Five Journals.

To the Editor:—I have not received THE JOURNAL of the 12th inst. as yet. Is it the fault of the mailing clerk, or of the mails? I cannot afford to miss a single number of THE JOURNAL, as it is my choice out of the five weekly journals that come to my office. Please send me the one of that date; and oblige,
Yours truly,

T. C. KENNEDY, M.D.

Shelbyville, Ind.

The San Francisco Coroner.

To the Editor:—In connection with an item on p. 885, of the issue of Dec. 22, of your esteemed journal concerning the Coroner of this city, allow me to remark that the then incumbent is a medical man, and that the non-medical coroner is for once not at fault.
Yours truly,

OBSERVATORE.

San Francisco, Cal.

NECROLOGY.

Robert McLure Fairleigh, M.D.

DR. ROBERT M. FAIRLEIGH was born in Brandenburg, Meade Co., Ky., on January 17, 1840, and died at his residence in Hopkinsville, Ky., on October 19, 1888, being in the 49th year of his age. He studied medicine under Dr. H. K. Pusy, of Garnettsville, Ky., and graduated in the class of 1860 of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, some months before he attained his majority. At the beginning of the Civil War, when under 22 years of age, he was appointed Assistant Surgeon of the Third Kentucky Regiment, U. S. Army. Though very young, and of course without experience, his natural talent for surgery as demonstrated by his skill when it was demanded, and his devotion to the sick under his charge, caused him to be promoted in June, 1862, to the rank of Surgeon of his regiment, which position he continued to fill with ability and satisfaction until the termination of the War, when he was appointed Medical Director of the Western Department of Kentucky, with headquarters at Bowling Green, where he married Miss Annie Slaughter, of Lane Co., Ky., on May 17, 1865. In July, 1865, he resigned his commission in the Army and moved to Hopkinsville, Ky., where he immediately engaged in general practice, and where he continued to live and labor in his profession up to a few weeks before his death. During the twenty-three years of his residence in Hopkinsville he found but little time for recreation; being devoted to his profession and the welfare of his patients, his services were in constant demand from a large clientèle. He was a member of the Kentucky State Medical Society, of the

McDowell Medical Society and of the Christian County Medical Society; was President of the latter and for several years its Secretary. He was eminently progressive and public-spirited, as a member of the Board of Councilmen of his adopted city. He inaugurated many measures for the public good.

As a general practitioner Dr. Fairleigh had few superiors. As an old patron said of him, he was prompt, skilful and safe. As a surgeon he was dexterous, but eminently conservative, ever striving to avoid mutilation and to save all that could prove useful to his patient. As a gynecologist he kept himself abreast with the progress of the day, and was very successful in the treatment of diseases of women. He was an accomplished obstetrician.

He was the embodiment of sound social and professional ethics, was a favorite with all his medical acquaintances and the most popular doctor I ever knew. He was an elder brother to the younger members of the profession. All who had the talismanic letters M.D. attached to their names, whether merited or not, received the same polite attention when calling on him in his office as did the most distinguished and veteran practitioner. He would extend to the merest tyro in medicine the same urbanity and patiently listen to what they had to say with the same attentive consideration that was extended to the most accomplished members of his profession. His professional modesty was proverbial with all who knew him. His only ambition consisted in being thoroughly prepared to meet any all demands of a local practice of medicine and surgery. If the unselfish love for the honor of the profession as invariably practiced by precept and example in the life of our departed friend could animate the entire guild there would be no necessity for the written code of medical ethics.

J. P. THOMAS, M.D.

BOOK NOTICES.

L'ENSEIGNEMENT ET L'ORGANIZATION DE L'ART DENTAIRE AUX ÉTATS UNIS. Par Le DR. KUHN. 8vo, paper. 1888.

Many of our readers who attended the Ninth International Congress, will remember with pleasure the rotund and happy Dr. Kuhn who attended the Dental Section and spoke English with fluency. He came to this country under orders from the Minister of Public Instruction of France, to investigate and report upon the existing State of the practice of dentistry in the United States. He faithfully executed the commission, and this elaborate book, well illustrated, is the result. In it he gives the history of each dental college in the United States, gives their