

King, in our presence. We sincerely hope his days may be long, his life happy, and that he may walk, and not faint, may run and not grow weary.

We reciprocate the wishes of his American brethren, that Dr. MacFarland may not faint when he walks, and may not grow weary when he runs, if he is imprudent enough to run; but we are perplexed to guess what social relations Miss Abbie King and he have instituted.

Chloroform Delusions.

A surgeon's assistant, named George Howard, was tried at the Midland Circuit on Nov. 9th, for rape on a Mrs. Child, to whom he had administered chloroform for the purpose of taking out a tooth. Mrs. Child seems only to have been put partially under the influence of the anæsthetic, and was stupid and speechless afterwards for a time. She affirmed that it was while in this state, being quite conscious, but having no power of motion, that the crime was committed. This was proved to have been merely a delusion on her part, no doubt due to perverted sensations and sexual excitation during partial anæsthesia, the delusion persisting afterwards. Dr. Richardson said that he had known persons in the second stage of chloroform inhalations subject to delusions as to what had taken place under the influence of chloroform. He mentioned one case, in which a lady had had an exactly similar delusion to that of Mrs. Child, although her father and several other persons were present when Dr. Richardson had administered the chloroform, and persisted in her belief long after the influence of the anæsthetic had passed off. Mr. Mills said that patients of the fair sex frequently had delusions of an erotic nature under such circumstances.
