

alcohol was poured on to it that gave rise to other flocculi which were separated by filtration. When the alcohol had been driven off by evaporation, a slight excess of pure potassa was added to the residue. After cooling, this mixture was agitated with sulphuric ether which was decanted after some hours, and evaporated in a pneumatic machine. The residue presented the irritating odour and acrid flavour of nicotine.—(*Dublin Med. Press from Presse Belge.*)

Remarkable case of Ascites.—The *Buffalo Med. and Surg. Journal* states that Professor Peaslee recently performed the operation of tapping on a young lady at Pittston, Pa., and removed 149 pounds and 3 ounces of dropsical fluid (lbs. 149, oz. 3). The abdominal circumference of the patient before the operation was six feet, two inches. This is the same patient from whom the same operator removed 135 pounds (lbs. 135) on the 29th April last. Her circumference was then five feet seven inches.

Homœopathy.—The following is the reply given by a former President of College of Physicians, London, to a homœopath who wished to become a candidate for its license:

“SIR,—The foundation of the Royal College of Physicians, was for the purpose of guaranteeing to the public skilful and safe physicians. The College of Physicians regard the so-called homœopaths as neither skilful nor safe practitioners. Therefore the College cannot, without betraying a sacred trust, give its license to persons whom they regard as wholly unworthy their confidence, and with whom it is not possible they can hold any communion.

“I am, Sir, &c.,
JOHN AYRTON PARIS.”

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

BIRTHS.

In Ottawa on the 8th instant, the wife of G. Garvey, M.D., of a son.

At Simcoe, on the 24th ultimo, the wife of T. Nichol, M.D., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

At Waterloo, at the residence of the bride's father, on the 1st instant, by the Rev. Mr. Young, Mr. Isaac Simpson, of Kingston, to Annie Detlor, only daughter of Dr. Wm. Beamish, of Waterloo.

On the 9th instant at her mother's residence, 28 Richmond street East, Toronto, by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Lynch, Bishop of Toronto, assisted by the Rev. J. Shea, W. J. Winer, M.D., of Chicago, to Helen Mary, second daughter of the late Dr. King, of Toronto.

At St. Pierre les Becquets, on the 15th instant, by the Rev. Mr. Faucher, Rector of Lotbinière, Louis Gravel, M.D., to Marie Hortense Héloïse Lavault, only daughter of the late Joseph Lavault, Esq., Physician of Malbaie, county of Charlevoix.

At Ottawa city, on the fourth of February, by the Rev. D. Dandurand, Vicar General of Ottawa, E. R. E. Riel, M.D., to Rosalie, daughter of the late Narcisse Paul, Esq., of that city.

On the 22nd ultimo, by the Rev. W. McGill, Mr. Walter Percival to Sarah D., second daughter of Dr. W. Howey, of Oxford.

On the 5th instant, by the Rev. S. F. Ramsay, M.A., at St. Paul's Church, Newmarket, Robert Ramsay, M.D., of Brownsville, to Maria, daughter of the late Mr. James Gamble, of Yonge-street.

DEATHS.

At Waterloo, C. E., on the 1st instant, J. Clinton, only son of the late J. C. Butler, aged 6 months and 10 days.

In Edinburgh, on the 31st December, aged 71 years, Andrew Fyfe, M.D., Professor of Chemistry in the University of Aberdeen.

At his house, at Bayswater, London, on the 20th ult., Dr. O'Beirne, so long, widely and favourably known as Surgeon to Jervis Street Hospital and the author of some important works in Surgery.

On the 27th January, at Welland, A. J. Burns, M.D., eldest son of the late John Burns, aged 30 years.