

VIBRIOS AND CARBOLIC ACID.—At the meeting of the Société de Chirurgie of Paris on 12th February, M. Maurice Perrin read a very important memoir upon the subject of the Listerian treatment of wounds, and contended that a great wrong was done to antiseptic surgery by making it synonymous with Listerism. He questioned if Lister's was the best form of antiseptic dressing, and if the precautions which that surgeon took were not illusory. M. Perrin undertook a number of ingenious experiments to determine if the object of the carbolic acid pulverisations was attained: He placed certain fermentescible substances in vases: blood, milk, urine and a decoction of barley. These substances were placed beneath bell-jars containing different atmospheres. The air of some was taken from a hospital ward; that of others from out of doors. In a third category, lastly, pulverised carbolic acid was introduced by means of Championnière's apparatus. Well then, some days afterwards these fermentescible substances were submitted to the microscope; they all contained nomads, vibrios, and bacteria dead or living, those whose air had been scrupulously carbolicised equally with those which had been in contact with the nosocomial atmosphere. The carbolic spray is therefore insufficient; it is incapable of "killing on the wing" those germs whose ulterior development gives rise to the decomposition of liquids.

A NEW EYE BANDAGE.—In certain affections of the eye, particularly in iritis, irido-choroiditis, keratitis, etc., emollient applications are often found very serviceable. It is, however, not quite easy to prevent the latter from rapidly becoming dry, and therefore useless, while at the same time the patient is generally compelled to pay constant attention to them, and unable to attend to business. Dr. Maurel, surgeon in the French navy, has contrived an apparatus which removes these drawbacks, and which in its improved form, suggested by Dr. Maréchal, we place before our readers. It consists of a band of india-rubber intended to pass around the head and to be fastened by buttons. The centre of this band carries a frame in which is placed a watchglass removable at pleasure, and held in its place by a rubber band. A small

piece of linen, consisting of four to eight layers stitched together, is first placed upon the eye, then a piece of sponge which, when wet, measures at one edge $\frac{5}{8}$ inch across, at the other end $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, is saturated with the lotion and placed on top of the linen, narrow edge downwards, and finally the eye bandage is applied more or less firmly, according as it may be required. The upper edge of the sponge is in contact with the upper part of the orbit, so that the patient may be enabled to occasionally moisten it with the lotion without removing the bandage. The glass in front of the sponge is covered with moisture partly from the sponge, partly from confined vapors, permitting the patient to ascertain the condition of the eye in the sponge. The apparatus gives but little trouble that, if only one eye is affected, the patient may, if necessary, even attend to his regular business, and need not be confined to the house.—*Bull. Gén de Thérap.*, November 1878.

APPOINTMENTS.

Hugh Ross, of the Village of Brantford, Esquire, M.D., to be an Associate Coroner in and for the County of Lambton.

David William Ferrier, of the Village of Brougham, Esquire, M.D., to be an Associate Coroner in and for the County of Ontario.

Drs. Mullen and O'Neil have been appointed attending physicians to the Hamilton Hospital; Dr. Macdonald has been appointed consulting physician.

Robert Clinton Young, M.D., to be an Associate Coroner in and for the County of Kent.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

On March 11th, the wife of L. H. Evans, M.D., 152 Spadina Avenue, Toronto, of a daughter.

At 50 Duke Street, on March 1st, the wife of Oldright, M.A., M.D., of a son.

DEATHS.

At Toronto, on March 12th, Helen Archibald, sister of Dr. Charles Archibald.

On February 26th, Margaret Zoe, infant daughter of Dr. Constantinides.