

should be added regarding its mode of administration, etc.

In doses of from one-eightieth to one-tenth of a grain, alone or in conjunction with opium or one of its salts or preparations, I expect good results from it when given as an antiphlogistic or antipyretic, expectorant, diaphoretic, diuretic, or as an alterative. I never prescribe it as an emetic, unless no other article of that class is convenient, and am not prepared to speak of its *tolerance*, as mentioned by Rasori many years ago, in acute diseases from personal experience. Thus, I find it a valuable agent in most forms of fever, in bronchitis, in pneumonia, in croup and laryngitis, in torpid conditions of the liver, in certain chronic cutaneous diseases, and in sick-headache, etc. It is as valuable in lessening the force and frequency of the circulation as veratrum or aconite, and, being tasteless in the proper dose, is almost absolutely free from disagreeable or unpleasant effects, and thus is generally preferable to either of them.

The foregoing strong commendation of tartar emetic in this paper will be endorsed, I feel quite sure, by those practitioners who would preserve the old landmarks in our therapeutics, and are unwilling to drift too far away from the moorings of well-tried experience, merely to follow fashion or for the sake of novelty in practice. And, if it should prove the means of adding a most valuable and trustworthy article to the therapeutic repertory of a physician unaccustomed to or inexperienced in its use in the treatment of his patients, another most important object will have resulted from its preparation and its publication in the *Medical Times*.—*Phil. Medical Times*.

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PERSONAL.

The *Panama Star* of April 15th says:—

Dr. George Nelson, (C.M., M.D., Bishop's College, 1880) late doctor of the Central Hospital of the Canal Company at Huerta Galla, leaves today by the *San Blas* for Santa Barbara, California. He has made many friends in the service and among the public, and carries with him the heartiest wishes of all his friends that he may return to his post in a few months in renewed health. It also says: we learn that Dr. Wolfred

Nelson (C.M., M.D., Bishop's College 1872), has declined the appointment tendered him by the State Government as a member of the Board of Health.

Dr. Frank Nelson (M.D., Savannah Medical College, 1884), and late a student of Bishop's College Faculty of Medicine, left Montreal early in May to join his brother George in California. His health is, we regret to say, far from being robust.

Dr. Roddick, Professor of Clinical Surgery McGill University and one of the Editors of the *Canada Medical and Surgical Journal*, has returned to Montreal after an absence of more than six months in Europe.

Dr. James Bell (M.D., McGill, 1877), late Medical Superintendent of the Montreal General Hospital has commenced practice in Montreal.

Dr. Gray (M.D., McGill, 1883) has been elected Medical Superintendent of the Montreal General Hospital. His appointment is for a year.

Dr. John Gardner (M.D., McGill, 1883), late one of the interiors of the Montreal General Hospital, has commenced practice at Point St. Charles, Montreal.

Dr. Wm. Stephens (M.D., McGill, 1881) has resumed practice in Montreal. He passed the Winter in Vienna.

Dr. Buller of Montreal became a Benedict on the 16th of April last and Dr. G. T. Ross of Montreal followed suit early in May. Both please accept an Editor's congratulations.

Dr. Dickinson (M.D., McGill, 1846), of Cornwall, Ont., is dead. He was one of the noble men who served at Grosse Isle Quarantine Station, during the terrible epidemic of typhus fever in 1847. His career subsequently was a most honorable one, and he died beloved and respected by all.

The following changes have taken place in the Medical Faculty of Bishop's College, owing to the removal of Dr. Young to China, and the resignation of Dr. Kennedy of the chair of Obstetrics and of Dr. Foley of the chair of Anatomy:

Dr. D. D. Gaherty (C.M., M.D., Bishop's, 1879) has been appointed Professor of Anatomy.

Dr. H. L. Reddy has been appointed Professor of Medical Jurisprudence.

Dr. Cameron has been appointed Professor of Obstetrics and Diseases of Children.

Dr. McConnell will combine Therapeutics with *Materi Medica*, and is now Professor of both these branches.

Mr. J. T. Donald, M.A., F.C.S., has been appointed Professor of Chemistry.