

ON A VISIT TO EUROPE.

Dr. R. Palmer Howard, Professor of Practice of Medicine in McGill University, left for a brief trip to Europe by the steamship, which sailed from Quebec on the 12th August.

We have received the first (August) number of the *Gazette Medicale*, published in this city in the French language, and edited by Dr. Dagenais and Dr. Lemire. It is evidently conducted in a very able manner, and we sincerely trust that not only will the mass of the French Canadian practitioners give it their support, but all who understand the French language. It will ever be a welcome visitor to our table. We wish our new contemporary every success.

Mr. Laurence, the senior surgeon of St. Bartholomew's, now in his 84th year, has resigned in his position. The "Lancet" pays tribute to his professional worth, but regrets that his retirement is not under circumstances which might have justified a warmer tribute to his unselfishness.—The entire value of the estate of the late Dr. Valentine Mott of New-York, is said to be \$400,000. He left his anatomical museum to the New-York Medical College.—The Princess of Wales has given £50 to the hospital for sick children in London.

AN ENGLISH CURE FOR DRUNKENNESS.

There is a prescription in use in England for the cure of drunkenness by which thousands are said to have been assisted in recovering themselves. The receipt came into notoriety through the efforts of JOHN VINE HALL, commander of the Great Eastern steamship. He had fallen into such habitual drunkenness that his most earnest efforts to reclaim himself proved unavailing. At length he sought the advice of an eminent physician, who gave him a prescription which he followed faithfully for seven months, and at the end of that time had lost all desire for liquor, although he had been for many years led captive by a most debasing appetite.

The receipt, which he afterwards published, and by which so many other drunkards have been assisted to reform, is as follows:—Sulphate of iron, five grains; magnesia, ten grains; peppermint water, eleven drams; spirit of nutmeg, one dram; twice a day. This preparation acts as a tonic and stimulant, and so partially supplies the place of the accustomed liquor, and prevents that absolute physical and moral prostration that follows a sudden breaking off from the use of stimulating drinks.—*Druggists' Circular.*