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CONGESTION OF THE LUNGS.

We have had sufficiently sad records of death from the above named disorder ; it is therefore the more satisfactory to record occasional triumphs over death, in relation to it ; a child, eight weeks of age, was in such a condition from congestion of the lungs, that its father did not think it could survive the night on which he sought medical aid ; a physician of Toronto sent a plaister by the father, which he knew would give the child relief, and in two hours it was well. We must re-assert that it is to the interest of the community that such a fact as the foregoing should be registered (say in the office of registration of births, etc.,) and duly attested by the persons cognizant of the circumstances ; instead of blindly speculating among doctors who may prove to be utterly incompetent to grapple with any particular malady, the public would then have some definite ground on which to repose their faith.

SURGICAL SUCCESS.

It is a pleasure to record success of any kind, in relation to the healing art, and we trust that pleasure may often fall to our lot. The case subjoined is one of which we have seen photographs, and it is not surprising to hear the doctor say of it, that it is the worst case of the kind he ever saw.—J. G. aged 26, was wounded in the army ; the ball, (a poisoned one, they say), entered the thigh about three inches below the great trochanter, passing down at the back of the femur, and coming out about two inches and a half above the internal condyle. Several physicians had given the sufferer up as incurable ; the details of the appearance of the limb are such that we must spare our readers the description of them ; suffice it to observe that the body of the man is described as having been “a perfect skeleton.” The following ingredients were the means by which this amazing cure was effected. R. Yellow Parilla Root, DanJelion Root, Yellow Dock Root, Sarsaparilla Root, Nerve Root and Prince's Pine. Rye Whiskey was added to preserve it, and half an ounce of Iodide of Potassa to the pint. Also, Syrup of Iodide of Iron, commencing with ten drops, increasing the dose to a teaspoonful every three hours ; I applied the following externally, which completely healed the parts. Crude Petroleum Oil was applied with a feather twice a day, dusting over it some pulverized Charcoal. In four months the parts were healed.

“ WELCOME.”

Words have been cynically said to have been given us to deceive, and the word “welcome” would appear to be no exception to the rule. As extended across the entrance-hall of the Toronto Hospital, there would appear to be no doubt that it is deceptive, inasmuch as we know a lady who was recently refused admission on