

every man of thorough culture lunches at least once a week on the sight of a lily, it would be strange if a love of the beautiful did not affect the style of that corner slab of modern civilization—the subject of this discourse. The Æsthetic Sign, in its supremest development, consists of a black marble slab, in which the physician's name is carved and gilded. When especially "intense," the letters are old Roman, with golden punctuation marks, which delicately suggest to the looker-on that he come to a full stop. Some superficial critics have already classified these evidences of the union of the beautiful with the pilular, as "mortuary signs"—a name which is uncanny and which stamps its user as a Philistine. — *Canada Medical and Surg. Journal.*

HYGIENE OF THE INFECTIOUS FEVERS.—The Forfarshire Medical Association recently declared: "That the Association, having considered the desirability of promoting uniformity of practice amongst its members in their management of infectious fevers with respect to the period of time during which quarantine precautions should be maintained, recommend as follows:—When an infectious fever has appeared in one or more members of a household, other members who may have been exposed to the chance of infection, by intercourse with them or otherwise, should not be removed to a household where there are others liable to be infected, until the expiry of the period of incubation shows that they have escaped. With-outgoing to extremes, the period of incubation may, for practical purposes, be considered to be: for small-pox, typhus, whooping-cough, measles, fourteen days each; and scarlet fever and diphtheria, ten days each. That convalescents from these fevers should be considered as still liable to give off infection until the expiry of time, counting from the beginning of the illness, ranging for each fever as stated below:—Small-pox, fourteen days after the termination of scabbing; typhus, twenty-eight days from inception; scarlet fever, seven weeks from inception; diphtheria, six weeks from inception; whooping-cough eight weeks from inception; measles, six weeks from inception.—*British Medical Journal.*

PRURITUS—GELSEMINUM.—Dr. L. D. Bulkley (*New York Med. Jour.*, 1881, p. 30), uses gelseminum. Beginning with ten drops of the tincture, if in half an hour the itching is not relieved, and there are no toxic symptoms, as languor, the remedy is repeated in the dose of twelve or fifteen drops, and so on until results are obtained, or until a drachm or so has been taken in two hours. He has never pushed it to any of the severer symptoms, and has often found relief after the first dose.—*Quarterly Epitome.*

ATROPINE IN MENORRHAGIA AND HÆMOPHTYSIS.—Tacke (*Berliner klinische Wochenschrift*, No. 6, 1881,) having had occasion to prescribe sulphate of atropine hypodermically in a case of wandering eczema, found that the patient's menstruation, which had been hitherto excessive, became and continued moderate after the first hypodermic injection. He subsequently had a similar experience with two other cases, and a case of hæmoptysis was also markedly improved, whence he concludes that atropine hypodermically administered, is as valuable a remedy against menorrhagia and hæmoptysis as ergot, and as it is not so liable to cause inflammation of the subcutaneous cellular tissue, as the latter, it is much more easily administered hypodermically, thus avoiding any tendency to gastric or intestinal disturbance.—*Quarterly Epitome.*

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

At 97 Bond street, on the 14th August, the wife of Dr. E. J. Barrick, of a son.

At Prince Arthur's Landing, August 23rd, 1881, the wife of Thos. S. T. Smellie, M.D., of a daughter.

DEATHS.

At Ashleigh Grange, Colborne, the residence of his brother, Dr. Willoughby, George R., youngest son of George H. Willoughby, aged 28 years.

On Tuesday, the 23rd day of August, 1881, at the Russell House, Ottawa, of erysipelas and pleuropneumonia, after a short illness, the Hon. William Henry Brouse, M.A., M.D., member of the Senate of Canada, aged 57 years.

On the 7th Aug., at Waldemar, Tyrrel Eyre Jessop, only child of Dr. Frank Strangways, of Beeton, aged 4 months and 14 days.

MARRIAGES.

On the 17th ult., by the Rev. H. S. Matthews, at the residence of the bride's father, Samuel Jefferson, of Albion, to Mary Jane Strangways, daughter of F. T. Strangways, Esq., J.P., of Tecumseth, and sister to Dr. Strangways, Beeton.