

which this operation was performed. In the first, hemiplegia occurred with death, four weeks after the operation, The second developed acute mania six days after the operation, and died ten days after. The third developed mania, and died on the twelfth day The fourth exhibited the same symptoms, with the same result—death. The fifth had no appreciable mitigation of the urinary trouble thirty days later. The sixth was one of single orchectomy. The patient died in a few days insane. The seventh a single orchectomy, developed distinct mental weakness, and death followed. The previous nervous and mental state is not given. In prostatics, this would be as potent a predisposing cause as it is in operation for cataract in the aged.

VITAPATHY.—One "vitapath" has been lately arrested and fined in Cincinnati for practicing without a license. Judge Dustin said in pronouncing sentence: "Men who knowingly go into a sick room and prevent anything being done for a dying man by silly incantation and laying on of hands, *Lancet Clinic*; *Med. Standard*, are responsible for his death and ought to be on a par with a murderer in the eyes of the law. God help the dying man who relies upon you or any of the so-called graduates of quackery. You speak of vitapathy being of a higher power than medicine and you say you ordain ministers at the same time you matriculate vitapathic physicians. Your methods are an insult to intelligence, their practice is a criminal abuse of ignorance and your college a disgrace to civilization."

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done, are fitted with everything to meet the requirements of most modern science. We most cordially recommend this plan of teaching to physicians going to New York for post-graduate instruction.

MR. WM. F. NICKLE has been appointed by the Ontario Government governor of the General Hospital, at Kingston, in place of the late Dr. K. N. Fenwick. Mr. Nickle is at present on his wedding tour in Europe, and is expected to return to Kingston within the next few months.

DR. JAS. THIRD, who has been appointed superintendent of the Kingston General Hospital, is a Trinity man, and a gold medalist of Trinity Medical College.

OBITUARY.—As we go to press we received the sad news of the death of Dr. Laughlin McFarlane, of this city. We will refer to him more fully in our next issue.

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### Books and Pamphlets

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A MANUAL OF SYPHILIS AND VENEREAL DISEASES; By James Nevins Hyde, A.M., M.D., Professor of Skin and Venereal Diseases, Rush Medical College; Dermatologist to the Presbyterian, Michael, Ruse and Augustana Hospitals; and Consulting Physician to the Hospital for Women and Children, Chicago; and Frank H. Montgomery, M.D., Lecturer on Dermatology and Genito-Urinary Diseases, and Chief Assistant to the Clinic for Skin and Venereal Diseases, Rush Medical College; Attending Physician for Skin and Venereal Diseases, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Chicago. With 44 Illustrations in the text and 8 full-page plates in colors and tints. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders, 925 Walnut Street. 1895.

This Manual has been prepared with the intent of meeting the special needs of the student and of the practitioner rather than of the expert. The aim has been to supply, in a compendious form, and with detail, all practical facts connected with the study and the treatment of Syphilis and Venereal diseases

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