

were ossified. He had distressing headaches, severe sciatic pains, and was afflicted with marked somnolence.

Five grains of prepared disiccated sheep's thyroid gland was given in the morning. This completely relieved the headache and sciatica; but had no effect on the somnolence. The author is of the opinion that the early exhibition of the thyroid preparations would control the enlargement of the pituitary gland.

**TREATMENT OF TAPEWORM.**—Dr. Decroizilles (*Gazette des Hopitaux*, 17 May) gives the following as his method of treating cases of tænia:

Ethereal Extract Male Fern .	8 grs.
Calomel .....	40 cgrs.
Peppermint water .....	10 grs.
Gum Arabic .....	5 grs.
Syrup Simp .....	20 grs.
Aqdestil, ad. ....	60 grs.

The entire potion is taken in the evening in spoonful doses every ten minutes. In the morning a good dose of castor oil is given. Usually in two or three hours the entire parasite is expelled. The treatment is not accompanied by much nausea or abdominal pains. In two or three days the patient is quite recovered and able to return to the usual diet and occupation.

### Items, Etc.

**ONTARIO MEDICAL COUNCIL PRINTING.**—Three offers were made for the printing required by the Medical Council: One for \$600, another for \$250, and a third for \$1. The Council, by a sort of natural selection, decided to pay out \$600.

**WORTHILY HONOURED.**—The Senate of Toronto University did honour to itself in conferring the degree of LL.D. upon Mr. Wm. Mulock, Q.C., Vice-Chancellor of Toronto University, at the recent con-

vocation. The medical profession has no warmer friend in university circles. On many occasions he has shown that he is in touch with the medical graduates of his university.

Professor Karl Gussenbauer, who has been appointed as successor to Billroth in the Chair of Surgery at Vienna, was born at Over-Vellach, in the Austrian province of Carniola, and is now in his 52nd year. He studied at Vienna, where he was one of Billroth's assistants. He was appointed Professor of Surgery in the University of Liege in 1875, and in 1878 was invited to fill the corresponding chair in the German University of Prague.

Medical men throughout the country no doubt learned of the heavy bereavement that has fallen upon the home of an esteemed member of the profession, Dr. J. H. Burns, of Toronto. His eldest son was suddenly drowned while swimming in the Welland Canal on the 29th June. Mr. Burns graduated a year ago from the University of Toronto with high honour standing, and after graduating he became engaged in teaching in Bishop Ridley College, St. Catharines. It was difficult to account for his sudden taking off, as he was a good swimmer and in perfect health. It was remembered, however, that last spring he had had some trouble with his hearing, and on examining his ears on the day after his death, an old perforation of the tympanum was discovered; water, doubtless, passed through the perforation and caused aural vertigo. He was an amiable and capable young man of fine promise. We are sure that Dr. Burns has the sympathy of the whole medical profession.

**HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS.**—We are pleased to notice that in the changes on the active staff of the General Hospital, Dr. Albert A. Macdonald has been trans-