

Regarding Malt Extract, Dr. Niemeyer says :

“The class of diseases in which the chief, if indeed not the only task of the physician, is to maintain or restore the strength and nutrition of the patient, is very large. For several years past, to meet these indications, instead of prescribing cod liver oil, which I was formerly in the habit of doing, I have employed almost exclusively, Malt Extract, and with the very best effect. This substance must not be confounded with Hoff’s and other so-called malt extracts, which are only a kind of beer containing a large proportion of carbonic acid and alcohol, which are often injurious to the patient. It is similar to other medicinal extracts, and consists of the soluble constituents of Barley Malt.”

According to Professor Douglas, 1000 parts of the Trommer Extract of Malt contains: malt-sugar 46.1; dextrine, hop-bitter, extractive matter, 23.6; diastase, 2.469; ash-phosphates, 1.712; alkalies, .377; water, 25.7. In comparing this analysis with that of the Extract of Malt of the German Pharmacopœia, as given by Hager, he finds it to substantially agree with that article.

Malt Extract, with its combinations, is recommended in the following diseases: anæmia, chlorosis, marasmus, dyspepsia, neuralgia, insomnia, pulmonary and bronchial affections, dysentery, constipation, scrofula, convalescence from exhausting diseases, &c. We have used the Trommer Extract in some of these affections with satisfactory results, and have no hesitation in strongly recommending it.

[Mr. R. L. Gibson, agent for the Trommer Company, is desirous of securing reports from physicians of their experience in the use of Extract of Malt, and requests us to say that such courtesy would be very highly esteemed. He will also be glad to answer any enquiries, and to furnish samples on application. Address: P. O. Box 724, Montreal].

Medical Item.

Charles H. Murray, B.A., M.D., C.M., McGill University of the Session of 1876, also M.R.C.S., Eng., passed the competitive examination for the Indian Medical Service, on February 17th last. There were fourteen vacancies and thirty-three candidates, and Dr. Murray stood eighth on the list of successful candidates. We believe Dr. Murray is at present serving at Netley.