

impropriety of her attending demonstrations on many subjects in company with them. She is perfectly in earnest, however, and clearly insensible to the unpleasant feelings which her presence must arouse; for undaunted by the failure at the Middlesex Hospital, and by the rejection of her offer to endow the school with £2000 as a foundation for a female scholarship, she has made application at other hospitals. Her present appeal is to that at Westminster.

Death of Mr. Rynd.—This gentleman, a distinguished Dublin Surgeon, died suddenly while driving in his carriage, of fatty degeneration of the heart. A jury returned a verdict accordingly.

Vivisections in Paris.—The practice of operating on living animals, which has been carried on for years at the veterinary school of Alfore, near Paris, has lately been prohibited by order of the authorities.

The Grocers in trouble in London.—Eleven years have now elapsed since the *Lancet* published the results, in its weekly issues, of the labours of its analytical sanatory commission, who submitted to examination samples of all the ordinary diatetic articles, and published the names, and places where they were obtained, and whether genuine or spurious or adulterated. The duty was discharged without fear, favour, or affection, and it effected an immensity of good. Evidently there has been a return to the old fraudulent practices, as the authorities connected with the same journal propose to repeat their operations immediately.

New Anæsthetics.—The vapour of turpentine has been proposed as such by a writer in the *Lancet*. It was first used by him in a case of neuralgia of the supra orbital nerve by being sprinkled on a handkerchief, and inhaled like chloroform. He has used it since in slight operations, cramps, nervous irritation, &c., and found that it induced anæsthetic sleep. More lately Dr. Bowditch presented to the Boston Society for Medical Improvement from Mr. Merrill a liquid bearing the name of Keroselene, for the same purpose. This fluid is stated to be "tasteless as water, volatile, and inflammable as ether, burning with a clear white light; of a faint chloroform odour, changing to that of coal tar, and far more agreeable than chloroform or ether for purposes of inhalation. A few whiffs sufficed to demonstrate its anæsthetic powers. Dr. B. says that the article was administered to him by Dr. Hodges. Complete insensibility supervened, lasting several minutes, with some diminution of the volume of the pulse. Its effect was wholly agreeable, leaving neither headache nor nausea nor bad taste. It has been administered in three cases, one of hysteria, in another case preparatory to an operation on the face, and in the third for an operation for a running abscess. Some symptoms of apoplexy supervened in the second and third cases. The quantity inhaled varied from one to two ounces.

We call attention to the statistics of mortality, prepared by Dr. Fenwick, which we published to-day. The tables are for the months of January, February, March, and April of last year. We are aware that the object of the compiler is to draw attention to this important subject, and of the great necessity of a proper enregistration law, an enactment which is greatly needed, and which would enable us to give a comparative statement of the death-rate for the whole province.

BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA.

A paper, being ostensibly an account of the meeting held in December last to organize a Botanical Society, but in reality a bird's eye sketch of Canada and of the present aspect of Canadian science from a German point of view, forms the leading article of "*Bonplandia: Zeitschrift für die gesammte Botanik*," of 15th May, 1861. That journal