

even daring to question the principle of his sub-membranous injection, and, like many others, I presume considers every person a fool who dares to differ from him. In your issue of February 16 will be found a communication, by Dr. Greig, of Toronto, who says: "My opinion is that it is based on wrong principles, but we will wait and watch." Although Dr. Greig believes in the local origin of diphtheria, he does not yet believe in the principle of submembranous injection. Dr. Seibert very adroitly hides himself behind the volumes of Klebs, Loeffler, Oertel, and Heubner, saying to me, "Search these. I know nothing about it; they say so, and I believe them." Well, very probably they are correct; yet, to my mind, there is much yet to be explained in order to account for the various phenomena I enquired for. Now, not having received any satisfactory answers to my interrogatories, I beg leave to say that I shall not trouble you any more on the subject. Before closing, however, let me assure Dr. Seibert, of New York, that Dr. Benson, of Chatham, is not the fool he takes him for, nor is he so "entirely ignorant of even the rudimentary portion of modern diphtheria pathology" as he thinks he is; and let me further advise him, when asked a question he cannot answer (as in this case), to keep cool and acknowledge his ignorance like a man, and not resort to mean, contemptuous, and sarcastic allusions to a person he knows nothing about, and who, I presume, can claim the privilege of asking for knowledge through your journals, even though he subjects himself to utter annihilation at the hands of Dr. Seibert. Thanking you for the space you have allotted to me, and assuring you that I shall not trouble you with any replies to any communication of Dr. Seibert unless he can deal in a more gentlemanly and professional spirit than his last displayed,

J. S. BENSON.

Chatham, June 29.

"JOHN McDUFFY, charged with vagrancy. What can you say for yourself?" "Not guilty, your honor." "What is your business?" "A professor of bacteriology." "Ten dollars and twenty days—no visible means of support."

## Personal.

At the recent meeting of the American Medical Association held in Detroit, Dr. John L. Bray, of Chatham, the president of the Canadian Medical Association, was formally introduced to the meeting and extended a cordial invitation to attend at our next meeting in Ottawa.

W. J. ASHLEY, M.A., who was for four years Professor of Political Science in Toronto University, has resigned to accept a similar position in Harvard.

DR. T. MITCHELL PRUDDEN, of New York, has been appointed Professor of Pathology in the Medical School of Columbia College.

DR. THORBURN has removed to his new residence on the corner of Spadina Road and Bloor Street.

DR. E. P. GORDON, whose leg was fractured in a football match in Vancouver, has returned to the city.

DR. HORACE BASCOM, of Uxbridge, was married, June 29.

DR. JOHN CAVEN is spending part of the summer at Cushing's Island.

## Therapeutic Notes.

TREATMENT OF INTESTINAL DYSPEPSIA.—(Leading Article, *Boston Med. and Surg. Journal*, March 17, 1892.) As this form of dyspepsia is generally, predominantly, a dyspepsia of starches, there is a leading indication to abstain from amylaceous and saccharine articles of diet. There should be a maximum of albuminoids—meat, eggs, fish—and a minimum of carbohydrates and fats. Brilliant results have been attained by a diet of raw meat—6 to 10 ozs. of lean beef or mutton, reduced to a pulp and cooked but slightly, if at all; to be eaten well seasoned with a little bread, but without vege-