

village, a fact which may be perfectly easy of explanation, or may be significant.

COMMENCEMENT 'DAYS. — Letters of father to son. *Nat. Med. Rev.* No. 1. "My Dear Son, —I am so glad to learn that you are starting in your noble profession with the idea that there is something higher and grander than the simple procuring of a livelihood. I am glad to see that you appreciate the opportunity which opens before you for doing good, without thought of the sordid gold which so often defiles those who handle it. Let this be your motto: 'He went about doing good.'"

No. 2. (One year later.) *My Dear Son,*— You cannot expect me to give you a thorough education and then supply you with means afterward. You should now be able to earn your living, it seems to me. Have you tried hard to collect some of your bills? I will not see you suffer, you know, but do not let the people get the idea you are going to do their work for nothing. Enclosed you will find a portion of what you request. 'The laborer is worthy of his hire.'

SALICYLIC ACID OINTMENT. — Bourget recommends its use for gonorrhœal and other forms of articular rheumatism, *Therap. Gaz.* :—


R—Acidi salicylici, }
Lanolin, } āā 3 ijss.
Oleij terebinth., }
Adipis, 3 ij.

It is reported of this application that the acid is so thoroughly absorbed that it is afterwards found in the urine in large quantities, also that local and general effects are most satisfactory.

A TEST FOR INCIPIENT DIABETES. — Professor V. Noorden says, *Med. Rec.*, he has discovered a new means of diagnosing diabetes in its very earliest stage, or even a hereditary tendency thereto. He gives the patient 100 grains of grape sugar, which in the normal subject has no effect, but in the incipient diabetic produces glycosuria. If this prove correct, it will be most useful in gaining for the diabetic the earliest treatment.

PERSONAL.—On September 25th, at the residence of Mrs. A. Frazer, Shakespeare, Ont., her

daughter, Miss Jean Frazer, was united in marriage to Dr. S. J. Rutherford, of Listowel (Tor. '89). Miss Watson, of Toronto, a college friend of the bride, performed the services of bridesmaid, while the groom was supported by his old college chum, Dr. J. L. Turnbull, of Clinton, Ont. The newly wedded couple left in the evening for an extended trip *via* Buffalo, Albany, down the Hudson to New York, and other eastern points.

AN OLD FRIEND IN A NEW GUISE.—The New York Pharmacal Association is now putting up LACTOPEPTINE IN TABLET FORM, which will, no doubt, give a fresh  impetus to the sale of this favorite agent. Every tablet has N. Y. P. A. stamped upon it, and weighs exactly five grains. It will be necessary, therefore, in prescribing Lactopeptine in future, to specify "Powder," or "Tablets."

THE QUININE TREE.—It is said, *Lancet-Clinic*, that the famous tree from the bark of which quinine is obtained furnishes no quinine except in malarial regions. If a tree is planted in a malarial district it will produce quinine; if it is planted in a non-malarial district it will not produce quinine. It is therefore claimed that quinine is a malarial poison, drawn from the soil and stored up by this wonderful tree.

SEAT WORMS—Will generally be removed by giving 3 to 6 or 10 drops of turpentine on a little sugar three times daily for two or three days, *Med. Sum.*, then follow with a full dose of castor oil and an enema of salt and water just before it operates.

LINES

TO A DELINQUENT SUBSCRIBER.

If I should die to-night—
And you should come to my old corpse and say,
Weeping and heart-sick, o'er my lifeless clay,
If I should die to night—
And you should come in deepest grief and woe,
And say, "Here's that two dollars that I owe,"
I might rise up in my great white cravat,
And say, "What's that!"

If I should die to-night—
And you should come to my old corpse and kneel,
Clasping my bier to show the grief you feel—
I say, if I should die to-night,
And you should hear, and there and then should come
And even *hint* about paying me that sum,
I might rise, galvanized—and then drop dead and dumb.

—Ex.