

the ordinance is to put a stop to the abuse by which, under the guise of the homœopathic preparations, all sorts of remedies have been given to patients by certain physicians.

TREATMENT OF PILES BY DILATATION.—M. Verneuil (*Gaz. des. Hôp.*) says, that during a practice of fifteen years, he has not failed to cure piles of 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 years duration by dilatation. The writer prefers the speculum as a means of dilatation rather than the digital method. Treatment need rarely exceed eight days in duration, four of which are to be passed by the patient in bed, and four in his room.

FOR DIARRHŒA.—The following is recommended (*Med. Summary*) for that form of diarrhœa characterized by frequent, painless, watery discharges:

R—Tinct. opii deod., ℥ xx.
 Tinct. nuc. vom., ʒ ss.
 Ext. hammamelid., ʒ j.—M.
 SIG.—ʒ ss. in water, every 3 hours.

OINTMENT FOR SEBORRHŒA.—The *Med. Summary* gives the following (Bronson's ointment) for seborrhœa:—

R—Hydrarg. ammon., gr. xl.
 Hydrarg. chlor. mit., gr. lxxx.
 Vaseline, ʒ j.—M.

A POINT IN THE TREATMENT OF CHOREA.—Dr. Flood (*Chicago Med. Times*) says he has very often found tenderness over the fifth cervical vertebra in choreic cases. He treats this locally by applying ether spray over the tender spot, and follows this by mild counter-irritation, this he follows by tonics and ergot.

MEDICAL SCHOOL OPENINGS.—The inaugural address at the opening of the Session of 1887-8 at Toronto University will be given by Professor Ramsay Wright, Oct. 3rd, at 4 p.m.; that of the Woman's Medical College, Toronto, by Dr. McPhedran, Oct. 1st, at 3 p.m., and that of Trinity Medical Faculty by Dr. J. L. Davison, Oct. 3rd, at 4 p.m.

THE FACULTIES of Trinity and Toronto Medical Schools have completed a scheme by which the clinical instruction at the Toronto General Hospital will be considerably increased, each school tak-

ing an equal share in the work. This is certainly a step in the right direction.

PATELLAR REFLEX IN TYPHOID.—Dr. Hughlings Jackson says he has never known the knee jerk to be absent in enteric fever, while he has found it wanting in meningitis. This may prove a valuable diagnostic sign.

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR MALE NURSES.—Dr. D. O. Mills is about to have erected a building costing \$10,000, to be used as a training school for male nurses. It will be situated on the grounds of Bellevue Hospital.

"ENGLISH AS SHE IS SPOKE."—It is said of Mrs. Partington, that, while gazing admiringly on St. Paul's Cathedral, in London, she expressed her emotion as follows: "O! venereal pile; gigantic stricture."

ANTIPYRIN IN LOCOMOTOR ATAXY.—It is said (*Br. Med. Jour.*) that some observers have found antipyrin of great value in the pains of locomotor ataxy. It should be given in ten grain doses in water, when the pains come on, and discontinued as soon as they abate.

SALOL IN SCIATICA.—Dr. Aschenbach (*Med. Rec.*), has had a personal experience of the value of the above drug in sciatica. He took seven grains in the evening and fifteen grains more at midnight, with the result that he slept soundly all night and awoke perfectly free from his malady.

MR. SAVORY, president of the Royal College of Surgeons, and senior surgeon to St. Bart's, has declined the knighthood recently offered him by the Queen. It is said, he was of opinion there should have been a baronetcy attached

SWEATING FEET.—Mr. Richardson writes (*Brit. Med. Jour.*), that he has cured a case of the above disease by the application of soda. He says it may be used either as a fine powder or in concentrated solution, once daily.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.—Dr. C. J. Hamilton, of Cornwall, to be an associate Coroner for the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry. Dr. T. D. Galligan, of Renfrew, to be an associate Coroner for Renfrew.