

THE "GAMGEE" SPONGES.—We have received from W. A. Dyer & Co. specimens of these admirable articles. This substitute for the ordinary surgeon's sponge is the invention of Mr. Sampson Gamgee, the British surgeon so well-known for his great success in dry-dressing of wounds. It consists essentially of a nucleus of cocoanut fibre, around which is a layer of fine absorbent cotton. The whole is covered with a thin, pliable gauze. Many of them are used plain, as above described; others are made antiseptic at the moment of using by breaking a small glass pearl hidden in the heart of the sponge and containing thymol, eucalyptol, carbolic acid, or any other substance which may be desired. They are highly spoken of by the English medical papers, and, in these days of antiseptic boom, are sure to become popular at once. They can be obtained from the above-named firm.

Medical Items.

PERSONAL—We were pleased to receive a visit from Dr. J. B. Lawford, formerly of this city. Dr. Lawford has been for some time house surgeon of the Royal Ophthalmic Hospital, Moorfields. He has resigned that position and been appointed pathologist to the same hospital. He thinks it possible he may remain permanently in London.

DR. CÆSAR HENRY HAWKINS.—This celebrated surgeon, who has recently died at an advanced age, was sergeant-surgeon to Her Majesty the Queen for many years. He held the position of surgeon to St. George's Hospital for thirty-two years. He was also Examiner in Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons, of which he was twice elected president.

—Prof. S. W. Gross brought a case of gumma of the breast before the class last season, which was interesting, both because of the infrequency of its occurrence and of its resemblance to malignant disease. Gumma of other parts of the body are met with almost every day in hospital practice, but it is extremely uncommon to find this manifestation of the syphilitic poison on the female breast. The patient, who was 28 years old, and appeared to be in good health, complained of trouble in the left breast. Examination showed a cake-like superficial tumor