

labour suffer from the symptoms of debility; these I have delivered with the forceps, and in not one of them was the child still-born.—*British Medical Journal*.

TURPENTINE IN PYÆMIA.

Dr. J. Sinclair Holden relates the case of a work man in whom amputation of the fingers was rendered necessary by an accident. Gangrene supervened, a secondary operation was performed above the wrist, and was in its turn shortly followed by rigors, profuse sweats, sleeplessness, low delirium, subsultus, and stupor, the wound becoming sloughy and offensive. The man rapidly sank, in spite of free stimulation.

As a *dernier resort*, half-drachm doses of turpentine were administered in egg emulsion every four hours. After the third dose they were discontinued, as the pulse and temperature had fallen and consciousness returned. The patient partook liberally of brandy and beef-tea, but on the following day all the asthenic symptoms reappeared, and the patient relapsed into a comatose condition. The turpentine was again had recourse to, and with the same happy effect. This time the improvement was permanent, and the patient made an excellent recovery.—*The Lancet*, Jan. 31, 1874.

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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

We again beg to remind those of our subscribers who have not yet remitted to us their subscriptions, that we earnestly desire them to do so *at once*.

MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL.

The fifty-first Annual Report of this admirable institution was presented by the Secretary, Dr. R. Palmer Howard, to the Governors, at their annual meeting, which was held on the 20th of May last, from which we gather that the ordinary income from all sources has been during the year 1873-4, \$29,916.46; the ordinary expenditure, \$33,797.10; showing a deficiency of \$3,880.64. The extraordinary expenditure has been \$11,216.17; the extraordinary income \$5,930; showing a deficit of \$5,286.17.

There has been expended upon the "Morland

Memorial Wing," \$14,940.71, and been received on account thereof, \$7,000, leaving a balance against fund of \$7,940.71. This deficiency will, however, be met by the late Mr. Morland's legacy of \$1,000, and a further sum of \$2,000 promised by the gentlemen who have interested themselves in perpetuating the memory of a gentleman who devoted so much time to the interests of the hospital. The money needed to complete the wing will be taken from "the permanent fund." The number of in-door patients treated during the year was 1,918, and of out-door 13,137, an increase of 97 in-door and 1,788 out-door patients over the number of last year. Amongst the sources of this increase in the number of admissions may be mentioned the greater prevalence of typhoid fever and of rheumatism during the years there having been 87 cases of the former and 104 of the latter in the year just expired, as against 36 cases of the former and 69 of the latter in the year which immediately preceded it.

Small-pox was the cause of the admission of one hundred and two patients—the disease having assumed epidemic intensity. With the view of neglecting no precaution likely to prevent the communication of that disease to the patients in the general wards of the hospital, the Committee of Management last November employed a medical man to take sole charge of the small-pox patients in the isolated building devoted to that disease, and relieve the attending physicians of the hospital of that duty. With the same object, a room for the reception of the remains of persons who have died of small-pox has been built. Dr. Simpson, the physician in charge of the small-pox patients, has furnished the following facts, which, at the present time, are especially deserving of consideration. All the unvaccinated small-pox patients, except two, had the confluent form of the disease, *i. e.*, the serious form. Of the whole number of the vaccinated admitted with small-pox, only two had more than two good vaccination marks upon the arm, and only two had been successfully revaccinated. These latter two were so slightly affected by the disease that, except as a precautionary measure, they might have continued to follow their daily occupations. The disease throughout the winter has been of an extremely severe type, and towards the latter part of February it assumed a most malignant character.

Taking it all through, the Report is a very satisfactory one, and the subscribers to the charity have the satisfaction of knowing that the money which they have so liberally given has been the means of relieving a vast amount of human suffering.