

ARSENIC IN ASTHMA.—Dr. C. Paul (*American Four. Med. Sciences*, Jan. 1874,) reports several cases of spasmodic asthma which were greatly benefitted by the administration of arsenic. He says the remedy must be persevered in, until constitutional effects are produced before any benefit can be expected; it should be thoroughly tried. It has succeeded after all other drugs failed. He gives Fowler's solution in from ten to fifteen minim doses, after meals, and in some cases he uses it hypodermically.

RATIONALE OF TRANSFUSION.—It has often been wondered at, that when patients had lost large quantities of blood, the injection of a few ounces should be sufficient to save life. Dr. Dalton, in discussing this subject recently, said he did not think it at all strange. He compared the human system to a machine in which there is a balance-wheel, the object of which is to carry the piston over the "dead point." Without this, if there were much resistance, the engine would stop; so the injection of even a very small quantity of blood, after hemorrhage, when the human machinery was about to stop, might keep it in motion and life.

PARTNERSHIP.—By reference to our advertising columns, it will be seen that Drs. Lizars and Hillary of this city have entered into partnership as operative and consulting surgeons. They have opened an office on King street west, No. 105. These gentlemen have been long in practice, and have had considerable experience in surgery. Dr. Lizars has for many years devoted himself almost exclusively to surgery, and Dr. Hillary was for a long time in the army service.

BOOKS, INSTRUMENTS, &c.—Being anxious to further the interest and convenience of our many subscribers in every possible way, we would take pleasure in making selections of books, instruments and the like, and forwarding them by express. Parties will thus be enabled to save the ten per cent. discount on all cash purchases. Our friends need not feel at all backward in asking any favor that we can bestow in this way.

Olive oil, if administered promptly, is said to be an antidote for strychnia.

PLEASE REMIT. We enclose bills to all of our subscribers who are in arrears, and earnestly hope they will respond promptly. If any should neglect to remit we will draw upon them through the agency of the Express Office after the 15th inst.

CHLOROFORM DURING SLEEP.—Dr. W. R. Cluness reports in the *Pacific Medical and Surgical Journal* two cases in which chloroform was administered and anæsthesia produced during sleep. One case was that of a girl of eight years, and the other a girl two and a half years of age. In each case a surgical operation was performed. Neither of the patients offered the least resistance or showed any signs of consciousness in passing under the influence of the chloroform.

HEADACHE AFTER DRUNKENNESS.—Byron recommends "sermons and soda water." *The Revue de Therapeutique* says: Take of solution of acetate of ammonia, tincture of bitter orange-peel, syrup of bitter orange-peel, each 20 parts; water 500 parts. To be given in repeated tablespoonful doses.

EPILEPSY.—Dr. Crichton Browne's success with the nitrate of amyl in arresting the further progress of this distressing malady when the aura has once declared itself, justifies the more frequent employment of the remedy in question, as well as this further recurrence to the subject. If it should turn out generally efficient, it would in many cases prove a most desirable resort.

COMPLIMENTARY.—A reception was given to Prof. Erichsen, the eminent surgeon and author, by the Medical Department of the University of New York, last month on the occasion of his visit to that city.

He also visited Philadelphia and was the recipient of a complimentary dinner from a number of medical gentlemen, including most of the prominent medical teachers and authors.

DIED.

At St. Hyacinthe, Que., on the 17th of Sept. Dr. Duvert, in the 54th year of his age.

At the Toronto General Hospital, on the 8th ult., in his 33rd year, Henry Strange, M.D., formerly Registrar of the Medical Council.