

"patent medicines," *ad nauseum*. A little resolution and a few dietary precautions, would preserve health at this time, as well as at others. First with the change from cold weather, there should be the rigorous adoption of moderation in eating. Hearty meals, largely made up of meat diet, tend to surfeit the system and produce bile. The diet should be largely vegetable or fruit, and sparingly of meat. Oatmeal and milk will suit well, but above all, regular attention to the skin is absolutely needful. Alcoholic beverages should be carefully avoided. A few simple rules for the management of the body in spring, judiciously carried out, would in a great measure, prevent the occurrence of these bilious attacks, so common at this season of the year.

**ACTION FOR SLANDER.**—A case was lately tried at Owen Sound in which Dr. More of Thornbury brought an action against Mr. McKenny, chemist and druggist of the same place, for slander. The slander consisted in the statement, openly and repeatedly made, that the death of a patient under the care of Dr. More was caused by improper treatment, and that he could prove it in a court of law. The doctor requested him on two different occasions to retract and apologize; this he refused to do, and insisted that the case should go to court, and stated that he was prepared to prove the charge.

The doctor had therefore no alternative but to go on with the case. There was not the slightest foundation for the statements made by McKenny, and when the case came up for trial, the plea of justification was dropped, and the defendant pleaded "not guilty." The evidence, however, went to show that he had repeatedly made the statements charged against him. The judge charged very strongly against the defendant, and the jury brought in a verdict for plaintiff with nominal damages, the plaintiff having stated in his evidence that he did not seek damages. The judge granted a certificate for full costs.

It would have a most beneficial effect, if a few more such individuals were brought to book for their reckless and wanton assertions, regarding medical men in the treatment of their patients.

**TRINITY MEDICAL SCHOOL—ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS.**—The examination were held at the close

of the winter session, and resulted as follows:—W. A. Dafoe, Trinity gold medal; J. D. Bonnar, Trinity silver medal; Chas. Sheard, Medical Faculty gold medal; D. H. Wilson, Medical Faculty silver medal. In the final branches, the following gentlemen obtained certificates of honour:—Messrs. J. M. Groves, J. P. Rankin, A. M. Stanley and J. Dunfield. The following gentlemen also obtained a standing sufficiently high to entitle them to the diploma and fellowship of the School:—Messrs. H. A. DeLom, T. H. Ashby, and A. M. Baines. In the primary branches, A. McDiarmid obtained the second year's scholarship, value \$60, and Messrs. Chappell, Welford, Duck, Thurison and Park, certificates of honour. In the first year's examination, Mr. Hatton took the first 1st year's scholarship, value \$50, and Mr. Beatty the second 1st year's scholarship, value \$30. Mr. Shore also passed this examination.

**TORONTO MEDICAL SOCIETY.**—A meeting of the medical profession in this city and vicinity was held in the Canadian Institute on the 18th ult., for the purpose of organizing a medical society. Dr. Workman was appointed chairman, and Dr. Graham secretary. After considerable discussion as to the name of the society, and whether it should be a society for Toronto and vicinity, or a Territorial Division Association, it was decided to adopt the former, and a committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws, and to report at an early date.

**DIALYZED IRON HYPODERMICALLY.**—A correspondent in the *Med. & Surg. Reporter*, Philadelphia, has been using with great success dialyzed iron hypodermically, in cases of profound anemia with irritability of the stomach. He used Wyeth & Bro's preparation in eight minim doses, gradually increasing to sixteen, three or four times a week. The iron produced very little irritation of the skin, and in no case did inflammation or abscess supervene. In some cases he also saturated a pledget of cotton with about thirty minims of the iron, and introduced it into the vagina where the mucous membrane offers a large surface for its absorption.

**PHOSPHOZONE.**—This new preparation of the elixir of the hypophosphites which has been named *phosphozone*, is fast gaining favor with the profession.