

In three hours he was lively and gay and asked for food. Another patient was accustomed to pass the day with his hands contracted over his mouth, to keep out poisoned air. He lay down for a time in the same red room. The following day he ate heartily, and from that time forth was cured. A violent maniac, for whom a strait jacket was necessary, was kept in a room with blue glass and walls; in an hour he was much calmer. Another mad person was cured by being kept in a violet room. Dr. Ponza considers that the treatment might be applied in various cases of nerve-disease, such as chorea, hysteria, epilepsy, &c.; and he thinks the violet colour adapted to give the best results. It is known to have a very marked influence on animals and plants; the former fatten rapidly in violet light; and plants, under a cover of violet glass, grow with an unwonted vigour. Following P. Seechis' advice, Dr. Ponza constructs his coloured chambers with an eastern or southern exposure." These reports seem incredible, yet there is probably a foundation for them in the soothing influence on the brain and nervous system of subdued colours and softened lights.

DEATH OF STROMEYER, OF HANOVER.—It is with much regret we record the sudden death of Stromeier. On the morning of June 15 he rose in his usual health, and at ten was dead from apoplexy after a few minutes' illness. He died in harness, being actively occupied in his profession till the last. We do not at present propose reviewing Stromeier's scientific life. Two years since, Stromeier published, under the title of "Recollections of a German Surgeon," his autobiography. It created much interest and some controversy in Germany, yet appears to be unknown here. From beginning to end this book reads like a novel: is full of interesting details of places and men, the Danish wars, the overthrow of the King of Hanover, the last great war. Besides the details given concerning the teachers under whom Stromeier himself studied in various German universities and in London, his own experiences as a professor are vividly set forth. Only in April last Stromeier had all possible honours

heaped upon him; and not the least, one may be sure, in his estimation was that offered to him by his English colleagues. The bust that it was decided to obtain is nearly ready, and is stated to be an excellent one. The Committee of the Stromeier Testimonial purpose shortly issuing a final circular reporting their proceedings to the subscribers, and with this they promise to send an admirable photograph of Stromeier, especially taken for the purpose. The first copy of this photograph, which is a splendid likeness, came to Mr. Mac Cormac from Miss Stromeier, with the announcement of her father's sudden death, and stating that the last words he wrote were upon the back of the photograph. They were so admirable in their simplicity, so characteristic in their modesty, and under the circumstance so pathetic that we gladly accept Mr. Mac Cormac's permission to publish them:

'MY DEAR MAC CORMAC,—

You wished to see my photograph
Adorned with crosses and with stars,
The gift of emperors and kings.
It fades away; a marble bust
Will take its place in memory.
Shining in its simplicity.
There is no room for vanity
Amongst your peers of surgery.

Hanover, June, 1876, Marion Strasse, 8."

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

At Peterboro', on the 13th inst., the wife of Dr. C. Burritt, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

On Tuesday, July 11th, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. J. McAlpine, John Sclair, M.D., St. Mary's, to Elizabeth, eldest daughter of W. Dale, Esq., Blanshard.

At the residence of the bride's father, on the instant, by the Rev. Alexander Topp, D.D., of K church, Henry McLaren, to Sarah, third daughter of Dr. A. A. Riddel, Toronto.

At St. James' church, Kingston, on July 11th, the Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick, M.A., incumbent, Douglas Glass, Manager of the Bank of Montreal, N.B., to Barbara, youngest daughter of Dr. Barker, Kingston.

DEATHS.

At Newcastle, on the 29th June, David Galb F.R.C.S., Edinburgh; aged 67 years.