

of the head was reduced from 70 to 62 centimetres, and when at the end of this time the child ceased to be brought for treatment, it appeared to be doing well.

LYMAN BROS. TABLETS.—We desire to call the attention of the medical profession to the tablets manufactured by Messr. Lyman Bros., Front St. E., Toronto. The quinine tablets are especially to be commended, filling, as they do, a long felt want, in that quinine can be administered in a tasteless form and not in capsule. Many patients are not able to swallow capsules, and object to quinine in an acid vehicle. These tablets disintegrate in from one to two minutes in water, and when given during such period are wholly tasteless; they can also be placed upon the tongue and allowed to remain for a minute until they soften, and their deglutition aided by a draught of water. We have tried them and have been so favorably impressed with their use as to recommend them where other modes of administering quinine presents any difficulties.

The same firm are producing other tablets which are giving very great satisfaction, notably that of *cannabis indica*, which from the purity of the drug employed has given great satisfaction.

ECZEMA.—Hollopeter has used with great success (*Times and Reg.*) the following:

R.—Ac. salicylic. gr. xx.
Zinci. oleat ʒij.
Cocaine gr. v.
Pulv. amyl, q. s. ʒij.—M.

Sig.—Use as powder, externally.

The salicylic acid prevents fermentative changes in the skin; oleate of zinc adheres very closely to the skin, and protects it; the cocaine may be put in or left out, conditionally as to whether there is pain or not.

If, on the second visit, there is little pain, and the scales are drying up, the cocaine may be discarded; later, the zinc may be left out, then the acid, so that finally only the starch is left. After this, alcohol may be used.

HOW TO ADMINISTER ETHER.—Dr. John A. Wyeth, of New York, repeated remarks (*Med. Rec.*) which he had made on a former occasion, in praise of the administration of ether by the Ormsby inhaler, whereby a maximum effect with a minimum amount was secured. He had operated half

an hour while using half an ounce of ether. By this inhaler the patient breathed the same air repeatedly, as it was confined in a rubber bag, and the anæsthesia was due doubtless largely to the carbonic acid gas inhaled. Where free air was constantly mixed with the ether, as by ordinary inhalers, the respiratory tract was chilled; much ether being used, internal organs, especially the kidneys, were liable to become affected.

PROLAPSUS ANI.—Dr. Adolphus, in *Ga. E. M. Jour.*, says: Prolapsus ani is often cured by hypodermic injections of strychnine. The canula is inserted about three-fourths of an inch from the anus and pushed straight down parallel with the rectum into the cellular tissue. About one-twelfth to one-sixteenth grain of strychnine is injected at each time; the operation may be repeated in severe cases every twenty-four hours, ordinarily every forty-eight. Seldom more than eight injections are needed to make a cure.

THE DISPENSARY ABUSE.—We (*Med. Record*), are pleased to see that the daily papers are agitating the question of dispensary abuses, and are taking sides with the younger practitioners. Numerous instances are related in which well-to-do patients crowd the waiting rooms, simply because they can get the best advice from experts for nothing, and without question. It is too bad, but it is true. Many of our hospitals do the same, and will be foremost in claiming numbers of so-called paupers treated when the hat goes around for the annual hospital collection, so near at hand.

TREATMENT OF HYPERIDROSIS.—In the *Revue Gén. de Clinique et de Thérap.*, the following prescription (*Med. News*) for sweating of the hands and feet is given. The application is to be made night and morning. The part is first washed with hot water and immediately afterward the following ointment is applied:

R.—Ichthyol 1 ounce.
Vaselin 1½ ounces.

PERSONAL.—We are pleased to note that Dr. R. T. Irvine (McGill '85) has been appointed by Governor Hill, as surgeon to the Sing Sing Hospital. His many Canadian friends will congratulate him.