

great loss which the Society had sustained in parting with so active a worker as Dr. Osler. Dr. Osler was unanimously elected an honorary life member.

Medical Items.

CURIOUS CASE OF POISONING.—Five members of a family residing in Philadelphia were seated at table when one of them produced a pill-box containing some small granules, of which he had been directed to take one before each meal. They were thought to be homœopathic globules, so, by way of joke, the box was passed round and they each took several. In a very short time they were all seized with unmistakable signs of strychnia poisoning, and one of their number died in three hours. It was subsequently ascertained that each one contained gr. $\frac{1}{6}$, and the fatal dose was supposed to have been about one-half grain.

—“What will they do with it?” must have been the cry that rose to many a pair of lips when their owners heard that the Royal College of Surgeons had been remembered in Sir Erasmus Wilson’s will to the extent of £180,000. The College has never received a bequest anywhere near approaching to this magnificent legacy. The largest donation it had previously received was that of £5,000, bestowed on it by the same generous benefactor, who has now placed it beyond the faintest danger of bankruptcy.—*Med. Times.*

—Dr. J. K. Baudúy, Professor of Nervous and Mental Diseases, Missouri Medical College, says: “After a thorough and continued trial of Bromidia at St. Vincent’s Asylum, I can cheerfully certify to its great therapeutic value and purity. *Its effects are much more rapid and efficient than the ordinary chloral mixtures.* The sisters in charge of the wards, after using the Bromidia and comparing its effects with the ordinary chloral mixtures used so long as a hypnotic, claim great superiority for the former. Its success has been tested where the other, in similar doses, has failed. The purity of the chloral and the extracts of cannabis indica and the hyoscyamus which it contains, together with the small dose of the remedy which is required, make it almost invaluable to medical practitioners, *who are guaranteed a pure and efficacious remedy in the use of Bromidia.*”