

of blue pills for the vestal virgins."—*N. Y. Record*.

PETER BRENDON, F.R.C.S., who recently died at the age of 85, was one of the oldest members of the Royal College of Surgeons, having received his diploma in 1817. He was prosector to Abernethy at St. Bartholomew's. C. R. J. Allatt, M.D., F.R.C.P., who died recently at the age of 89, was the oldest Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians. His Fellowship dated from 1828.

Miscellaneous.

ACCORDING to *N. Y. Record*, Dr. DaCosta says:—Gynæcologists, as a rule, part their hair and their names in the middle, and never die until they have invented pessaries and speculums innumerable.

MARWOOD'S DROPS.—Mr. Marwood, the London hangman, being asked by a neighbour what was a good remedy for a troublesome cough, is reported to have replied that his "Marwood's Drops" had never yet been known to fail.

It results from the researches of Mr. Aubert (*Lyon Med.*) that the virus of the simple chancre is completely annihilated by heating practised for an hour only between 42 and 43 degrees (C.). These results permit the application of heating to the tissues bearers of the chancreoid lesions.

THE AFTERBIRTH MISTAKEN FOR INTESTINES AND RETURNED.—A correspondent from the Sandwich Islands, sends us the following:—"Some of the statements about obstetrics in the Sandwich Islands made in *The Record* are not quite true, but the following is what took place here:—An Englishman's donkey had a colt, the first the man had ever seen born. When the after-birth came he thought it was the bowels, and so he and two other white men took a stick and pushed it back. This they did three times and at last, out of pity, they shot the donkey. The man said,—"I did not like to see the animal suffer for want of bowels."—*Medical Record*.—*Northwestern Lancet*.

FORDYCE BARKER'S TRIBUTE TO YOUNG MEN.—My own experience has been that from this class I learn the most; it is from them that I get the most useful knowledge

and the most valuable suggestions. I hold it to be one of the great missions of this Academy to bring out and develop, by its library and its scientific work, the young men who are to take care of its interest and give the stamp of character to the Academy and the medical profession of this city in the future. I do not hesitate to express the belief, based on a rather extensive acquaintance with the profession in other cities and other countries, that the number of young men of bright intellects, of noble zeal, who have had the largest opportunities at home and abroad for a thorough and complete education, which have been most conscientiously improved, is greater than has ever before been aggregated in any city in any age of the world, and that twenty years hence New York will have a galaxy of distinguished men who will give the medical profession such prominence with the public and with the profession elsewhere as has never before been attained.—*N. Y. Med. Jour.*

HYDRAULIC method of overcoming urethral stricture. M. Gauron in some nearly impassable strictures by means of a funnel, a yard of rubber tubing and an elastic catheter, with hot water, succeeds in getting a sound into the bladder. The implements being joined together and filled with hot water, the patient lying in bed, and the funnel raised about a yard above the mattress, the oiled catheter is passed as far as the seat of the stricture. The penis is lightly compressed in order to prevent regurgitation of the water, and the sound held in contact with the stricture. Hot water is poured into the funnel, and the column of liquid is maintained to press upon the stricture for three-quarters or an hour. When withdrawing the sound leave the urethra full of water, then immediately endeavour to pass an ordinary sound. In most cases it will pass at once, and may be left.

Married.

LESSLIE—BALDWIN.—On the 6th June, at All Saints' Church, Toronto, by the Rev. Arthur Baldwin, M.A., Dr. J. W. Lesslie to Agatha D., daughter of W. Wilcocks Baldwin, Esq., all of Toronto.

Birth.

BEEMER. On May 31st, the wife of Dr. Beemer, first Assistant Physician, Asylum for the Insane, London, of a daughter.