

strong evidence in favour of his propositions. He believes that ozone is a strong factor in the sanitary condition of earthquake and volcanic regions, and we think there is ground for the belief. Speaking of the influence of bacteria, in the production of disease, he says, that, "in view of all the evidence, it is not a fair inference that the infectious diseases are caused by bacterial germs."

Chapters on the "forces of nature," and the "ideal functions of the nervous system," are too metaphysical for our comprehension, and we must refer the reader to the book itself for the true exposition of the author's views on these points, premising that while there is a good deal of fine writing, the point of which is hard to discover, there is also much that is calculated to stimulate thought and afford satisfaction to the enquiring student.

Miscellaneous.

TREATMENT OF WHOOPING COUGH BY TINCTURE OF MYRRH.—(By Campardon.)—Whooping Cough yields easily and rapidly to the alcoholic tincture (15 drops to the tablespoonful) in quinine wine or Vichy water. A tablespoonful every hour or two. This treatment in no way interferes with the appropriate remedies for the tracheo-bronchitis or the pulmonary congestion.—*Bull. Thér. Lyon Méd.*

GLYCERIN OF THE OXIDE OF ZINC, (F. POLLET).—Glycerine ʒiv, starch ʒij, oxide of zinc ʒi, mix. For the dressing of rhagades and chronic inflammation of the anus. Rhagades, which are little fissured ulcerations, situated in the natural folds of the anus, or frequently at the base of, or in the angle formed by mucous patches, vegetations or condylomata, often yield to simple cleanliness, to dressings with aromatic wine, or light cauterizations with nitrate of silver. It is when they are rebellious to these means that recourse is had to the glycerine of zinc. In point of fact, in order to obtain a definitive cure, it is first of all necessary to dissipate the lesions which give rise to the rhagades, and of which they are only a complication.—*L'Union Médicale.*

COLIC CURED BY STANDING ON THE HEAD.—Dr. D. L. Phares, in *Trans. Mississippi State Med. Association*, 1878, recommends as a prompt and effectual cure in many cases of colic, to place the patient in an inverted posture. Some cases which have resisted the ordinary treatment for hours and even days, have by this simple means been relieved and permanently cured in from one to five minutes. Sometimes relief appears to be afforded from the escape of air from the rectum. In other instances, the air in the bowels changes its place, to the relief of the patient. Some movement of gas in the intestines appears to be essential to relief by this method. Of course it is only flatulent colic which can be permanently relieved by this treatment. The confidence with which Dr. Phares asserts the success of the plan entitles it to a trial. The treatment could be easily applied in popular practice. The patient might at least be held up by the heels till the arrival of the doctor, (provided he comes within a few hours).

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

In Cayuga, on November 1st, the wife of Dr. Baxter, M.P.P., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

On October 22nd, at Berlin, Ont., E. P. Clement, Barrister, to Janie, eldest daughter of D. S. Bowlby, M.D.

On November 14th, at Paisley, Stuart McArton, M.D., M.C.P.S., Ont., to Annie, only daughter of the Rev. James Chance.

On October 29th, J. E. Eakins, M.D., L.R.C.S., and L.R.C.P., Edin., to Nettie, eldest daughter of Sydney Warner, Esq., Wilton.

At Toronto, on October 29th, Arthur H. Hughes, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P.E., M.R.C.S., England, Professor in Grant Medical College, Bombay, to Louisa Rosalind, youngest daughter of H. G. Bannard, Esq., of Toronto.

On November 20th, at St. Paul's Church, Yorkville, George McNairn Shaw, M.B., of Hamilton, to Isabel Thorburn, eldest daughter of John Symons, Esq., Avenue Road, Yorkville.

DEATHS.

At Toronto, on October 31st, Irwin Bridgman, M.D., aged 33 years and 7 months.

At Fenwick, on November 17th, Dr. H. R. Haney, M.P.P. for Monck, aged 43.