

least development of hydrogen. His battery, made on this principle, is said to act excellently, and to give a very strong current. The inventor calls attention to a curious phenomenon observed in the course of his experiments. When the zinc plate is immersed, either in a solution of sulphurous acid or in one of bisulphite of potash and soda, the liquid is observed to lose color at first, then become for a few seconds of the same colour as a solution of bichromate of potash; this coloration commences at the zinc, and is diffused in the mass, as if absolutely independent. No salts of zinc are known to give such a colour.

CORRECTION.—In our report of the proceedings of the Canada Medical Association, it is stated that a "motion was passed that in future, all papers be read before the discussion takes place, Dr. Canniff, objecting." The facts are,—Dr. Bucke suggested that it would be desirable to have all the papers on the programme read before discussion on any took place. Dr. Canniff, disagreed, and the matter dropped.

The death of Dr. W. L. Atlee, of Philadelphia, from cancer of the stomach is announced in our exchange Journals. He was 71 years of age. He was a great advocate of ovariotomy, and has left behind him a work on that subject which embodies his own experience in upwards of three hundred cases.

JOURNALISTIC.—The *Cincinnati Lancet and Observer* and the *Cincinnati Clinic* have been consolidated under the name of the *Cincinnati Lancet and Clinic*. It is issued weekly and is one of the best journals published in the United States.

The *Ohio Medical and Surgical Reporter* has been discontinued.

Sir Robert Peel, speaking of Lord Eldon, said that even his failings leaned to virtue's side, upon which a bystander observed that his lordships failings resembled the leaning tower of Pisa, which, in spite of its long inclination, had never yet gone over.

PROFESSOR SCHWANN, author of the cell theory, is teaching physiology in the Belgian University. A festival was held lately at Liege, in honor of the fortieth anniversary of his professorship.

Dr. Demarigny, Government Inspector of Prisons and Asylums, Quebec, has been engaged on a minute inspection of the Beauport Asylum.

REMOVALS.—Dr. Philp of Waterdown, has removed to Hamilton. Dr. S. E. McCully of Morpeth, has removed to Waterdown.

Dr. Dupuis, of Kingston, has been delivering to the teachers in training at the Frontenac Model School, a course of lectures on "Hygiene."

CORONER.—S. E. McCully, M.D., of Waterdown, to be an Associate Coroner for the county of Wentworth.

Reports of Societies.

MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

The regular quarterly meeting of this board occurred July 9th, 1878, at Lansing, all the members being present as follows: Dr. R. O. Kedzie, President, Dr. H. O. Hitchcock, Dr. H. F. Lyster, Hon. L. Roy Parker, Rev. D. C. Jacobes, and Henry B. Baker, Secretary.

The subject of a text book on hygiene for common schools was discussed. No members of the board had seen a book suitable for such use, and it was thought very desirable that one be prepared. Dr. Hitchcock then offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That this board respectfully request the board of regents of the University of Michigan and the Trustees of the Detroit Medical College to establish in their respective institutions, at the earliest practicable moment, full chairs of public hygiene and fill the same with thoroughly competent professors.

Resolved, That this board respectfully request the controlling boards of all the collegiate institutions as well as the high-schools of the state to see that a course of instruction in public hygiene be given in each of their several institutions.

Dr. Lyster mentioned that in the interests of public health he had delivered a course of lectures before the medical class at the University of Michigan during the past six months. He presented a syllabus of each lecture delivered.

Dr. Kedzie presented some results of his investigations on the subject of lead poisoning by the use of tinned ware and other vessels containing lead.

The subject of Sanitary Conventions was considered, and after some discussion in regard to the