

ing most seriously the reputation of physicians, and, a more important consideration, the welfare of the patients whom they are called upon to care for. And yet a mere spasmodic voice is raised now and then in respect thereto, among those to whom the subject is of paramount importance. So feeble is this voice that its preaching reaches but a few, and those few are apt to shake their heads and wonder that there is such sinfulness in this world, and go on in the old tenor of their ways, prescribing substances which their patients may or may not receive, wondering that they often obtain results at variance with their expectations, and often, in the case of new remedies, becoming persuaded that all they have read and heard about the new drug or material was utterly unreliable. Every large town should have competent analytical chemists, employed by the profession, whose business it should be to constantly analyze the products to be found on the retailer's shelves, and would report at once to the profession all deviations from the straight path. Such a remedy would be drastic and curative.—*International Journal of Surgery.*

ANOTHER ELIXIR OF YOUTH.—It is stated by a Pesh newspaper that Dr. Szikszay, a Hungarian physician, has been making experiments in the State Prison at Engelsfeld by injecting a liquid, the composition of which is not revealed, into aged persons. The results are said to be remarkable. The strength of the "subjects" was tested with a dynamometer before and after the injections. In

the case of a man aged 75 the strength was found to be increased after the seventh injection from 14 to 19 kilogrammes, and after the thirteenth to 35 kilogrammes. Experiments on men and women of different ages showed, as might be expected, marked individual differences. We may take the liberty of suggesting to Dr. Szikszay that he should communicate the details of his experiments to the Imperial and Royal Society of Physicians of Vienna, and then publish them in full in some medical journal. The after results, if any, should also be made known.

A DEFENCE OF SIR MORELL MACKENZIE.—At the annual dinner on behalf of the Golden Square Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, Lord Randolph Churchill, who occupied the chair, took advantage of the opportunity to defend Sir Morell Mackenzie from the criticism of which his conduct has been the subject for some time past. His Lordship claimed that Sir Morell had been the means of prolonging a life very precious to the world by the exercise of great moral courage, and he expressed the hope that the time would come when national jealousy, political rancor, and professional rivalry would have so far subsided that he would receive an impartial judgment. It must be very gratifying to Sir Morell to find himself able to rally so many influential friends around him, in spite of the fierce battle which has raged around his name in respect of late matters.—*Medical Press and Circular.*