

Buchu, cubebs, uva ursi, hyoscyamus, copaiba, lupulin and belladonna have all been used for their specific effects.

Treatment: irrigations of nitrate of silver,  $\frac{1}{4}$  gr. to an ounce of warm water have been used, also carbolic acid, where there is fetor, pot. permanganate, borax, boracic acid and sulphate of zinc. The plan of puncturing bladder for purpose of drainage was also spoken of.

Drs. Bryce, Atherton, and Spencer took part in the discussion.

It was moved by Dr. Reeve, seconded by Dr. Bryce, that the Executive Committee be empowered to collect subscriptions for a large portrait of the Society's first President, Dr. Workman.

C. CUTHBERTSON, *Sec.*

Toronto University Medical Examiners for 1889.

The following is a list of the examiners appointed:—Pathology, H. A. Macallum, M.B.; Physiology, A. B. Macallum, B.A., M.B., Ph. D.; Medicine and Therapeutics, J. A. Mullin, M.D.; Materia Medica, O. R. Avison, M.D.; Midwifery, W. Digby, M.D.; Descriptive Anatomy, H. M. Aikins, B.A., M.D.; Practical Anatomy, J. Ferguson, M.A., M.D.; Surgery and Surgical Anatomy, W. T. Aikins, M.D., LL.D.; Clinical Medicine, A. McPhedran, M.B.; Clinical Surgery, C. O'Reilly, M.D.; Sanitary Science, H. P. Yeomans, B.A., M.D.; Forensic Medicine and Medical Psychology, W. W. Odgen, M.D.; Gynæcology, A. Baines, M.D.; Chemistry, A. McGill, B.A.; Biology, J. J. Mackenzie, B.A.

## GENERAL NOTES

PRESIDENT HAULTAIN, of the Engineering Society of the School of Practical Science, delivered on Oct. 9th his inaugural address on the objects of the Society.

THE numerical strength of the various Medical Faculties of the German Empire is, according to Dr. Ascherson, 212 ordinary Professors, 163 extraordinary Professors, and 223 private-docenten.

THE College of State Medicine was incorporated in London in 1887, and is presided over by Sir Joseph Fayrer. The course of lectures during the coming winter session will be given in the rooms of the Chemical Society. Among the lecturers will be Professors Klein, Fleming, Fayrer, Brudenell Carter, Seely and Sir Robert Rawlinson. The regular professor of Hygiene and Public Health will be Dr. Wm. Robert Smith. The Public Health Laboratory connected with the College will be open throughout the session.

BRIQUET has found that in France of 1,000 cases of hysteria 50 were in males, while other authors fix the proportion at 15 to 1. In males the symptoms lasted longer than in females, and they were more likely to occur in small and effeminate subjects. Lasegue had been led to employ the term peripheral hysteria from the fact that any form of irritation in a subject predisposed to hysteria might act as the exciting cause. For instance, a foreign body in the cornea might prove sufficient to set up the whole train of nervous symptoms resulting in hysterical blindness.

A SOLUTION of the woes of Ireland, from the dawning of a new industry, may be found in the fact that Dr. Jacob M. Shmülenich, Russia, emphatically draws attention to dried potato as an important article of food, possessing very valuable qualities in comparison with potato in the fresh stage. While dried, the potato, which in fresh state readily decays, may be kept a long time good, and being thus much less bulky has a great importance as being readily transported, especially in time of war.

SAYS F. Vacher, F.R.C.S.: One quarter of the children who die in England and Wales are under one year of age, and the proportion of infant deaths to births is upwards of 14 per 100. The total number of deaths of children under twelve months is about 129,000 a year, of which "79,000 are due to hereditary diseases or neglect, or both, many being obviously due to homicide." The causes conducing to this mortality are (1) early improvident marriages, (2) hereditary disease communicated by parents, (3) illegitimacy, (4) insurance on the lives of infants, (5) drunkenness of parents and guardians.

THE Local Government, Great Britain, have just issued, date April 23rd, Dr. Bruce Low's report on the Investigation of the Epidemic of Diphtheria in the Enfield Urban Sanitary District. The disease had for some time been epidemic; but about the end of December well-to-do houses having be-