

also unite differently to their first condition. This causes confusion of motion, as well as of sensation. The restoration of motive power, even if the suture be immediate, is never perfect.

Medical Coronation Honors.

His Majesty, King Edward, has conferred a number of high distinctions upon the following members of the medical profession: Lord Lister is made a member of the Order of Merit, and also one of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Councillors. Sir Frederick Treves and Sir Francis Laking have been created baronets. The order of Knighthood has been conferred upon Mr. Victor Horsley, of London; Dr. William Macewan, of Glasgow; Dr. Isambard Owen, Chancellor of the University of Wales; Prof. T. R. Fraser, of Edinburgh; John Halliday Croom, of Edinburgh; Mr. H. G. House, President R.C.S., England; Mr. Thomas Myles, P.R.C.S.I., of Dublin; Dr. W. J. Collins, Honorary Secretary, League of Mercy; Mr. Alfred Cooper, of St Mark's Hospital, London; Dr. A. Conan Doyle, Author, and who did such good service in South Africa; Dr. William Church, President, R.C.P., London; and Hon. Frederick W. Borden, M.D., Minister of Militia, Canada.

Digestive Ferments.

Dr. John C. Henimeter remarks in *Medical News* that one of the commonest mistakes made in the treatment of indigestion is the indiscriminate prescribing of pepsin and hydrochloric acid. It may be laid down as a rule that if there be free hydrochloric acid, there is also sufficient pepsin. It is much better to get the stomach to form its own pepsin than to supply it. Pepsin is not regarded by the writer as worthy of much attention, and he has ceased to employ it. With regard to pancreatin, the writer states that it should not be given with pepsin, nor in a hydrochloric acid combination. There is only one indication for the use pancreatin, the permanent deficiency of hydrochloric acid, and enzyme formation of the stomach. In this case it should be given in doses of 4 to 8 grains, with the same quantity of sodium bicarbonate, in tablets. Two to four of these are taken 15 minutes after meals. As far as possible avoid the use of digestive ferments.

Gastralgia.

Many patients present themselves, complaining of pain in the stomach. It is not safe to diagnose cancer or ulcer, because there is pain. Nor is pain a necessary evidence of dyspepsia. Many suffer from pain in the stomach who are not the subjects of this condition. It is worthy of note that very many cases of pain in the stomach can be cured by the administration of arsenic.