

ranging from 83 years to six months, the greater number of cases being croupous, those of several children and two adults being catarrhal. "Pneumonia has been more general during February and March than ever I noticed it before." Treatment, at first a purgative, pot. acetatis, or citratis, opiates, ammonia, nux vomica, digitalis, or convallaria. "I believe from a limited experience with convallaria that it is the heart tonic, *par excellence*, in pneumonia."

Drs. F. D. Beer, Jas. Warburton, S. R. Jenkins, and your correspondent, have to report 99 cases and 7 deaths; The latter composed of young children, and two extremely old 87, 89. The pneumonias were here as elsewhere an accompaniment to an acute catarrhal fever or influenza which is now on the decline apparently from lack of new material, as not a child in the whole city seems to have escaped. The oldest recovery recorded was that of a man aged 81 years with croupous migrating pneumonia, beginning in lower lobe of left lung, thence to apex, thence to base of right, and thence to apex of that lung. The treatment in this case consisted of ammonia carb. Tr. digitalis, tr. nux vomica, alternated with spir. ether. co., spir. ammon aromat, spir. chloroform co., for cough and sleeplessness, whisky, &c., &c., with a strict injunction against patient attempting to raise himself or turn in the bed. The recovery was slow but complete. A cure also of a child with catarrhal Pneumonia supervening on a severe bronchitis is reported. Pulse 156, respiration 80, wild play of nostrils, continuous short cough, livid lips, flushed cheeks, &c. In addition to an expectorant containing ammonia, vin. ipecac, ether, which the child was taking, it was ordered. Tr. aconite M.  $\frac{ii}$ , every hour till pulse was reduced to 139 and respiration to 60. The child thenceforth gradually improved till finally a slow convalescence was reached. Also a case of a child while suffering from Pneumonia being attacked with acute nephritis is reported with recovery. Thus we find no less than 546 cases for the months of February and March, reported by 26 physicians, not one-half the number in active practice on the Island, and the inference seems obvious and fair that if all had reported this number would have been at least duplicated.

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A CORRESPONDENT sends us the following:

The conduct of Physicians to one another in consultations is a legitimate question for the M. M. NEWS to discuss and the insertion of some extracts from the Code of Ethics would perhaps do good.

1. "In consultations, no rivalry or jealousy should be indulged; candor, probity and all due respect should be exercised towards the physician having charge of the case.

2. In consultations the attending physician should be the first to propose the necessary questions to the sick; after which the consulting physician should have the opportunity to make such further inquiries of the patient as may be necessary to satisfy him of the true character of the case. Both physicians should then retire to a private place for deliberation; and the one first in attendance should communicate the directions agreed upon to the patient or his friends, as well as any opinions which it may be thought proper to express. But no statement or discussion of it should take place before the patient or his friends, except in the presence of all the faculty attending and by their common consent; and no *opinions or prognostications* should be delivered which are not the result of previous deliberation and concurrence."

Theoretical discussions should be avoided, and all discussions should be secret and confidential, and hints and wise nods should not be given to lead the friends to suppose the consultant did not assent to the treatments of the first attendant. The consultant should observe the most honorable and scrupulous regard for the character and standing of the practitioner in attendance. He should studiously avoid dishonest attentions or assiduities for the base purpose of gaining applause or ingratiating himself into the favor of families and individuals.

The Medical Bill prepared by a committee of the practitioners of Charlottetown and other parts of P. E. Island and presented to the legislature for enactment, unfortunately miscarried. It was entrusted to Dr. Gillis, M. P. P., who introduced it early in the session, but owing to his unavoidable absence for some weeks, and upon his return the matter coming before the House rather late, a few members interested on behalf of some two or three unqualified practitioners interposed all the delays and obstacles imaginable. Others again, though favorable to the bill, being impatient of returning to their homes, the introducer was forced to yield for the present. We hope when he introduces it next year he will meet with better success.

#### PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF NEW BRUNSWICK MEDICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING.

The 9th annual meeting of the New Brunswick Medical Society will be held in St. John, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 16th and 17th of July next, opening at 10 o'clock, A. M., when the general business of the Society will be transacted and the following papers read:—Dr. E. Cameron, Grand Manan, "Diphtheria." Dr. C. Holden, St. John, "Scarletina." Dr. M. McLaren, St. John, "Leprosy in New Brunswick." Dr. O. J. McCully, Moncton, Subject not given. Dr. T. Walker, St. John, Subject not given. Dr. P. R. Moore, Subject not given.

The members of council are as follows:—Drs. J. T. Sleeves, P. R. Moore, G. M. Duncan, Jas. Christie, J. W. Daniel, T. C. Brown, H. C. Preston, T. Walker. Dr. J. Z. Currie, Registrar.

The officers of the Society for the present year are:

DR. L. MACLAREN, President.

" D. D. McDONALD, 1st Vice-President.

" G. M. DUNCAN, 2nd "

" G. R. J. CRAWFORD, Secretary,

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GOVERNMENT RAILWAY TARIFF OF FEES COMMITTEE.—Drs. Wm. Christie, J. W. Daniel, G. T. Smith.

AUDIT COMMITTEE.—Drs. D. E. Berryman, D. R. Moore. A programme of the meeting will be mailed to the members of the profession about the middle of June next.

GEO. A. HETHERINGTON,  
Secretary of Committee of Arrangement

St. John, N. B., April 16th, 1889.