

Jonathan Hutchinson was on the staff at the same time. It is hard to account for its recent decay and death. Mr. Churchill was its proprietor; and also published the well-known *Medico-Chirurgical Review*, which, after an era of considerable prosperity, began to dwindle away, and died a few years ago.

Æsculapius the first was a remarkable practitioner, and came near ruining the early practice of physic by his miracles. He not only cured the sick but actually brought the dead to life, among others, Hippolite son of Theseus. Frightened at such remarkable skill, and seeing that hell would soon become depopulated if Æsculapius the first lived, Pluto in despair implored the aid of Jupiter, who hurled a thunderbolt at Doctor Æsculapius, and as the latter was not protected by a lightning rod, he was over electrified and fell dead. Those desiring to know more of Æsculapius the first are referred to Pindar, and as the poet wrote only eight centuries after the doctor was killed by Jupiter, the veracity of his statements need hardly be questioned.—*Lancet-Clinic*.

Some men are natural jokers and cannot resist the impulse even in the jaws of death. Curran's physician remarked to him when he was on his death-bed that he seemed to cough with more difficulty. "That is surprising," returned the wit, "as I have been practicing all night." A local celebrity when on his death-bed in this city, was informed that it had been decided to tap him for the ascites from which he suffered. "Then it's all over with me," he replied. "Nothing has ever lasted long in this house after being tapped."—*Med. Age*.

A REMARKABLE INSTANCE OF LONGEVITY.—The *Popular Science News* for December publishes a portrait of Madame Girard, a native of the town of Saint-Just-de-Claix, in France. According to the parish records, she was born on the 16th of March, 1761, and is therefore a hundred and twenty four years old. Like the traditional old lady of all countries, she can sew without using spectacles, and her hearing powers are still good. Her memory, however,

is very much impaired; and she remembers little of the events of her long life. She is still active, and carries her own wood and water, besides doing all the work of her modest house.

Her diet is quite simple, and consists principally of vegetables with little or no meat. After every meal she indulges in a glass of wine or brandy. The *News* goes on to say: "Our contemporary, *La Nature*, to which we are indebted for the portrait, gives a list of persons in France and elsewhere, who have exceeded the age of a hundred years. It is surprisingly large, and includes the well-known Thomas Parr, who died at the age of a hundred and fifty-two years, and a Frenchman named Priou, who died in 1838, in his hundred and fifty-eighth year.

#### TO THE MEDICAL ELECTORS OF THE SAUGEEN AND BROCK DIVISION.

Gentlemen: The representation of this riding in the Medical Council having become vacant by the death of our late esteemed member, Dr. Douglas, I beg leave to offer myself as a candidate for the representation of the division.

As our Medical Council is now one of the established institutions of the country, it is our duty to send those to represent us who desire its continuance and the increase of its powers.

I am heartily in accord with the majority of the profession in obtaining those amendments to our Medical Act which are being applied for at the present session of Parliament.

I also desire the elevation of professional status, by all those means which the Act empowers us to attain.

One of the most important is the entrance to the study of the profession, viz.:—Matriculation; the degree of B.A. should be required of every student, or at least a course of three years in one of our universities.

I shall use my best endeavors to obtain such a change in the law as will enable us to punish those practitioners who hire themselves to foreign companies for the purposes of quackery, and shall endeavor by every means in my power to further the interests of the profession at large. I am, yours, etc., etc.,

Galt, Feb. 16, 1886.

GEO. S. HEROD.