

oles. Perhaps my selection of the conditions was not judicious for the administration of antipyrin; but, even granting that, the above is a sufficient warning for me, at least, to feel my way with caution before administering doses of 30 gr. Since the above case occurred I have observed two cases, with similar results, recorded. One, also, in a typhoid patient, almost exactly similar by Strauss in *Berlin, Klin, Wochenschrift*.

Yours, etc.,  
W. GRAHAM.

Brussels, Ont., Nov. 23, '85.

To the Editor of the CANADA LANCET.

DEAR SIR:—Do you not think it is time for the medical profession to resent the pestering questionings, about our private business, by parties who are paid for looking after the sanitary arrangements of the country? We have spent years of the best of our lives and considerable means, to qualify ourselves for the practice of our profession, so as to gain a living for ourselves and families; and many of us can hardly make both ends meet. Yet we are continually being pestered and hectoring to tell every body all we can, so that no one will need to employ us; so that we may live on the wind and be laughed at for our pains.

It is all right, and the bounden duty of Government to look after the health of the people; but, it is a piece of gross imposition to expect medical men to help them without any remuneration. Our present Local Government is composed chiefly of lawyers; let them try to get their brethren to unite and answer all kinds of questions for the guidance of the public, so that there will be no litigation, and see how they will succeed.

But after all, it is the medical men themselves who are chiefly to blame. If they would just decide to answer no professional questions unless accompanied by the usual fee, the pestering would soon cease. Can you give any sound reason, why they should do otherwise?

ANTI-HUMBUG.

December 14th, 1885.

ERYTHEMA OF FAT PEOPLE.—Dr. E. J. Kemps says: For the erythema and itching between the thighs and on the buttocks of fat people, either calomel or bismuth subnitrate, rubbed on dry, will make you proud of yourself.—*Louv. Med. News*. Sept. 12th.

## Reports of Societies.

### HAMILTON MEDICAL AND SURGICAL SOCIETY.

Nov. 3rd, 1885.

Regular meeting, Dr. Stark, Vice-President, in the chair.

Dr. McCargow exhibited a specimen of glioma of the brain. The patient had been under the care of Dr. G. L. Mackelcan, German, aged 40, married but separated from his wife because he did not support her; had acted strangely a few days before his admission to the Hospital, on the 17th of Oct., 1885. He was morose, would not answer questions. He walked with assistance with a shuffling gait. He seems drowsy, but when roused answers questions and then relapses into the drowsy state again; complains of pain across his forehead. There is no loss of tendon reflex. He voids his urine and feces in bed. Pupils natural, left slightly dilated. No albumen in the urine. Gradually sank and died on Oct. 25th. Diagnosis: cerebritis and abscess of the anterior lobe of cerebrum.

P. M.—Body well nourished. Scalp congested. Dura mater very much congested, adherent to calvarium in front and torn in separation, also adherent to brain along both sides of falx; adherent at base of brain in front. On section, found a mass of sarcomatous matter as large as a lemon, in the left anterior lobe of cerebrum.

Dr. McCargow, who agreed with Dr. Mackelcan in the diagnosis, said there was no vomiting nor paralysis present in the case, but the patient was considerably emaciated. The early symptoms were of a neuralgic character.

Dr. Mackelcan described a case of a soldier who sought admission to the Hospital, and was supposed to be malingering, who dropped dead suddenly. The P. M. showed an abscess of the brain.

Drs. Stark and Ryall described cases in which a number of abscesses of the brain were found after death.

Dr. Macdonald related a case of a noted chess-player who died suddenly, and a number of abscesses were found in the cerebrum.

Dec. 1st, 1885.

Regular meeting, Dr. White, president, in the chair.

Dr. McConochie was elected a member of the