

PROF. OWEN, F.R.S., has resigned his appointment as Superintendent of the Natural History Department of the British Museum, owing to failing health.

DR. DAMASCHINO, *agregé*, has been appointed Professor of Medical Pathology at the Paris Faculty of Medicine in place of Dr. Jaccoud, promoted to clinical medicine.

DR. JAMES BELL vacates his position as Medical Superintendent of the Montreal General Hospital. He will not leave until May. His successor has not yet been appointed.

DR. LOUIS PONCET, the alienist, died in the 79th year of his age. His principal published work being on "Intermittent Insanity—Mild and furious madness Compared."

DR. CHAS. HILTON FAGGE died on Sunday, Nov 18, 1883, at the early age of 43, of aortic aneurysm. He was a distinguished graduate of London University and had already made a name for himself.

HOLLOWAY, of pill and ointment renown, died at the age of 84. He is said to have spent over a million of money on the Institution for the Insane at Virginia Water and the College for Women on Egham-hill.

ROYAL College of Surgeons of England.—Messrs. W. G. Anglin and G. H. Denike, of the Kingston School, and E. M. Hewish, of the Toronto School, passed the primary examination for membership on the 7th Jan.

DR. JOHN REDDY, of Montreal, died in Dublin, January 22nd. He was born in Ireland, studied and graduated in Dublin. Soon after graduating he came to Canada and practised in Montreal many years, being well and favourably known. His son, Dr. Herbert L. Reddy has been practising in Montreal about 5 years.

PROFESSOR PLAYFAIR McMURRICH, brother of W. B. McMurrich, former Mayor of Toronto, and an ex-student of Prof. Ramsay Wright, of University College, Toronto, has written a paper on "The Osteology and Development of Syngnathus," which appeared in the *Quarterly Journal of Microscopical Science* of London, England.

DR. MILTON COTTON has commenced practice in Lambton Mills, where the late Dr. Beatty resided. After the death of Dr. Beatty, a large and influential meeting was held in the village, at which an unanimous wish was expressed that Dr. Cotton, of Burnhamthorpe, should locate there; and a deputation was appointed to wait on the Dr. and ask him to accept the position thus made vacant. Such action is rather unusual in Canada, and we offer our congratulations to Dr. Cotton on his acceptance of the offer, and wish him the success which he well deserves.

Miscellaneous.

If gelatine be suspended in ordinary alcohol it will absorb the water and leave nearly absolute alcohol behind.—*Med. World*.

THE *calix* of the kidney was so called from its cup-like shape, from "kulix, -ikos," a cup. The *calyx* of a flower is from "kalux, -ukos"—a bud.

JONATHAN HUTCHINSON gravely states that the term podagra "implies simply acute gouty inflammation of the great toe, and by no means comprises gout *in toto*." O John! John!

ORIGIN OF THE WORD CHARLATAN.—It is generally admitted (*Le Prog. Méd.*) that the word *charlatan* comes from the Italian *ciarlare*, to chatter, to babble. It appeared about the 16th or 17th century. It was pronounced *chiarlatan*. A German Journal gives another etymology. A physician of Paris, named *Latan*, went about the city on a cart (*char*) containing his medicines, and upon which he examined his patients. This mode of practice gave him some renown. "There goes the *char de Latan*," people said; whence the word *charlatan*.

OLD SHOES.

How much a man is like old shoes!
For instance: both a soul may lose;
Both have been tanned; both are made tight
By cobblers; both get left and right;
Both need a mate to be complete,
And both are made to go on feet.
They both need healing, oft are sold,
And both in time all turn to mold.
With shoes the last is first; with men
The first shall be the last; and when
The shoes wear out they're mended new:
When men wear out they're men-dead, too.
They both are trod upon, and both
Will tread on others, nothing loath.
Both have their ties, and both incline
When polished in the world to shine:
And both peg out—and would you choose
To be a man or be his shoes?

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ANATOMY ACT.—QUEBEC, 1883.

1. For the purposes of this Act, the Province of Quebec shall be divided into two sections, which shall be known as "The Quebec Section," and "The Montreal Section;" which sections shall respectively comprise such judicial districts as the Lieutenant Governor in council may be pleased to specify.

It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor in Council to appoint, during pleasure, an Inspector of anatomy, for each of such sections, and a Sub-Inspector of anatomy for each judicial district, except for those of Quebec and Montreal, in which the office shall be filled by the Inspector of anatomy; but the Inspectors, so appointed, shall not be connected in any manner with any University or School of Medicine.

2. The body of every person, found dead and publicly exposed, or of any person who, immediately before his death, was supported by some public institution, receiving a grant from the provincial government, shall, through the Inspector or Sub-Inspector of anatomy, be delivered to the universities or schools of medicine in this Province, to be used in the study of anatomy and surgery, unless such body be, within