

**ANÆSTHETIC MIXTURE.**—After considerable experience in the use of different anæsthetics, Mr. Lawson Tait has come to the conclusion that a mixture of two parts ether and one of chloroform is the safest and most satisfactory. Other surgeons prefer the A. C. E. mixture; alcohol 1 part, chloroform 2 parts, and ether 3 parts. Both the above mixtures are rapid in their action, not unpleasant to the patient, and produce less sickness than chloroform or ether when given alone.

**APPOINTMENTS.**—Dr. M. Lavell has been appointed Warden of the Provincial Penitentiary, Kingston, and Dr. O. S. Strange, surgeon to the same institution.

Dr. G. Stewart, of Port Rowan, Ont., has been appointed Assistant Surgeon, Norfolk Battalion of Rifles, *vice* G. W. Stewart, deceased.

Dr. M. I. Beeman, of Centreville, Ont., has been appointed Surgeon, Frontenac Battalion of Infantry, *vice* J. McCammon, deceased, and Dr. R. W. Garrett, of Kingston, Assistant Surgeon.

Dr. Jas. Dorland (formerly of Hamilton Ont.) has been appointed Prof. of Practice of Medicine in Milwaukee Med. College Wis.

The following gentlemen have been appointed License Commissioners for the counties named—J. Gunn, M.D., N. Middlesex, C. M. Gould, M.D., East Northumberland. R. Douglass, M.D., N. Bruce, W. H. Blackstock, M.D., East Simcoe. A. Worthington, M.D., West Huron.

**OBITUARIES.**—The death of Chas. Clay, F.R.C.S., of Manchester, is announced in our exchanges; also M. H. Newmann, Prof. in the University of Breslau.

Dr. E. S. Gaillard, of New York, editor of "Gaillard's Medical Journal," died on the 2nd ult. The Journal will be continued under the management of M. E. and E. W. Gaillard.

Dr. William Braithwaite, of Leeds, Eng., founder of "*Braithwaite's Retrospect*," died on the 1st ult., aged 78 years. He was the oldest medical practitioner in Leeds.

The death of Prof. Elsberg, of New York, the Laryngologist, is announced in our exchanges.

We regret to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. Dr. Winstanley at Los Angeles, Cal., on the 10th ult., formerly of this city.

**REMOVAL OF THE OVARIES AND FALLOPIAN TUBES.**—Dr. Trenholme of Montreal (*Can. Med. Record*) reports six cases of removal of the ovaries and Fallopian tubes with recovery in each case, and with good results so far as relief from the pelvic suffering was concerned. The operations were all performed during the year ending April, 1884.

**AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.**—The 30th annual meeting of the American Medical Association will be held in New Orleans commencing on Tuesday the 28th of April. This is a most favorable opportunity of visiting the Association and the World's Fair at the same time. The rates of travel to New Orleans from all points are as low as can reasonably be expected.

**NEW METHOD OF TREATING ACUTE INTESTINAL OBSTRUCTION.**—The London *Lancet*, Feb. 14th, in referring to the new method of treatment states that it was first proposed by Prof. Kussmaul. It consists in free washing out of the stomach and removal of large quantities of fæcal matter, and has been attended with excellent results in several cases. The relief from distention is very great, and it also favors subsequent treatment by laparotomy when the latter is necessary.

**TREATMENT OF FROST-BITE.**—Dr. Doane in the *Therapeutic Gazette*, gives the following prescription which he says is excellent in frost-bite, and hopes it may be given a trial:

R Cosmoline ℥ i.  
Spts. turpentine, ℥ j.  
Acid carbohc gtt. x.

The cosmoline and turpentine are rubbed up together in a mortar, and the acid dropped in after. This is being prescribed by Dr. James R. Leaming, and many other able men in New York.

**TRANS-ATLANTIC CLUB.**—A club has been formed recently for the convenience and benefit of Trans-Atlantic students in Edinburgh. The object is to cultivate a feeling of fellowship and secure a means of social intercourse, so that students may not feel themselves strangers in the city or strangers to each other. The rooms which are at 37 Chambers Street will be supplied with home papers and journals.

**GRANTING DEGREES IN MEDICINE.**—The Uni-