

an agreeable and convenient vehicle for the administration of the oil, and is believed to largely promote its efficiency. We have had satisfactory results from its use in bronchitic cases, especially in the weak and aged, although in the latter class of cases, and asthmatic cases, we find the most satisfactory results from combination with the Sulphium Gimferum, or *Rosin Weed*. These remedies are sold in the form of Fluid Extracts and are pleasant and convenient for administration. A trial will convince the sceptical.

Dr. O'REILLY has returned from his visit of inspection of the large Hospitals of the United States, with much valuable insight into their system of training of nurses, and of other matters of Hospital management, which, under his able superintendence, will, we doubt not, soon bear fruit in our model Hospital of Ontario.

LACTOPETINE.—Lactopetine is a most important preparation, lately introduced to the notice of the profession. It contains the active agents of digestion, and has been endorsed by the leading practitioners in the United States and Great Britain as a valuable remedy in those diseases of the stomach in which its use is indicated.

MEDICINES FOR THE SOUL.—This is about the best view of homœopathy which we have yet seen expressed by any of its votaries. It is taken from Skinner's *Diseases of Women*:

In allopathy the soul is nowhere; in homœopathy the state of the soul and mind is a *sine qua non*. Allopathy has no means of affecting the soul or mind, except those of a moral kind; whereas homœopathic medicines act upon the spirit or soul of many, and through it and by means of it, and with a certainty which is as remarkable as it is true. By way of illustrating the power of homœopathic medicines over the mind and its affections I shall give the following example. A favorite cat of my own had kittens, all were drowned but two; then one was given away, and ultimately the remaining one was given to a friend. The mother of the kittens became inconvalescent, and went all over the house mourning her loss in unmistakable tones of grief for four days and nights, making night hideous with her cries. One globule of Ignatia, cured her in half an hour, as she never cried again."

That cat had a great deal of imagination, almost as much as some men.—*British Medical Journal*, July 28th.

CAUSTIC APPLICATION TO THE CERVIX UTERI IN THE VOMITING OF PREGNANCY.—Dr. J. Marion Sims, considering the suggestions it contains of great importance, contributes to the *London Lancet* a paper written by Dr. M. O. Jones, of Chicago, on the experience of the latter with the application of caustic to the cervix uteri in the vomiting of pregnancy. He believes that this vomiting is a reflex phenomenon, which fact may account for the unsatisfactory treatment of it by the stomach. Within six years he has treated successfully five cases, his plan being to excite by means of caustic applications an irritation of superficial inflammation of the os and cervix uteri, the concentrating the reflex nervous phenomena at the point of irritation and thereby relieving the stomach.

EXTIRPATION OF UTERINE FIBROID, UTERUS, OVARIES AND APPENDAGES.—We have received a report from Drs. Stewart and Hurlburt, of Brucefield, Ont., of a very interesting case of Extirpation of a large Uterine Fibroid, together with the Uterus, Ovaries and appendages. Death on the fourth day from septic peritonitis. Owing to an accumulation of articles left over from last number, we have not been able to publish this very instructive case in the September number; we shall give it place in the October issue.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE CURE OF INEBRIATES.—The next meeting of this Association will take place at Boston, Mass., Sept. 10th, 1878, in Union Hall. Many important papers are expected to be read.

WE would call attention to a notice in our advertising columns, of a young physician seeking a position as partner or assistant with a long established practitioner.

WE beg to acknowledge receipt from Dr. E. E. Kitchen, of St. George, Ont., of the issue for 31st July of *Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung*.

HOSPITAL APPOINTMENT.—Dr. Temple, late one of the acting Hospital Attendants, has been added to the staff of Consulting Physicians.

ERRATUM.—I notice in the July number of the CANADA LANCET a typographical error in regard to the case of poisoning by carbolic acid. The proportion of acid to water should have read oz. 1½ to 2, instead of oz. ijs. to xii. Please correct.—J. H. R.