

an hour, and the skin became gradually warm and moist, and the pulse returned. In ordinary cases he found one or two injections sufficed, in a few three were given, and only once four. He does not maintain that the treatment is a specific against cholera, but that its action is more speedy, certain and effectual than any other tried by him. Out of thirty-two cases in which the treatment had a fair chance, there were only ten deaths."

MORE ADVERTISING IN THE LOCAL PRESS.—Inasmuch as the LANCET is again on the war-path, the following "most extraordinary case" under the care of Dr. Hamilton, of Port Hope, Ont., may be alluded to. The item, which appears to have been written, or at all events the facts supplied by a medical man, appeared in the *Port Hope Guide*, Dec. 5th. A young man was wounded in the orbit by a piece of wood. The doctor, after "probing the wound, discovered a foreign body," and advised an operation. He gave chloroform, "enlarged the wound," and on laying hold of the "foreign body" with a "strong forceps," removed it, &c. We leave our readers to judge of the paternity of the offspring.

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CONGRESS.—The Committee on Organization of the 7th International Medical Congress, to be held in Washington in 1887, met recently and the following officers were elected: *President*, Dr. Austin Flint, Sr., New York. *Vice-Presidents*, Dr. Alfred Stille, Philadelphia; Dr. Henry I. Bowditch, Boston; Dr. R. P. Howard, Montreal. *Secretary General*, Dr. J. S. Billings, U. S. Army; *Treasurer*, Dr. J. M. Browne, U. S. Navy. *Members of the Executive Committee*, Dr. I. Minis Hays, Philadelphia; Dr. Jacobi, New York; Dr. Johnston, Baltimore; Dr. Busey, Washington.

REMOVAL OF LARGE CALCULI.—Dr. Hingston, of Montreal, removed from the bladder a calculus weighing five ounces and five drachms, and measuring upwards of nine inches in its greatest circumference. The lateral method was adopted and the patient, a youth of 21 years, made a rapid recovery. Dr. Burns, of the Toronto General Hospital, also removed a calculus from the bladder a few months ago by the supra-pubic method, weighing three and a half ounces, and measuring two and three quarter inches in its greatest diameter. The

patient, aged 21 years, unfortunately died within 24 hours.

REMOVAL OF A TUMOR OF THE BRAIN.—Mr. Godlee recently removed a tumor from the substance of the brain at the hospital for epilepsy and paralysis, London, Eng. The case was under the care of Dr. Hughes Bennett, who diagnosed the existence of a tumor in the upper part of the fissure of Rolando, and requested the surgeon to trephine over the suspected region. A mass of glioma the size of a walnut was successfully removed and the patient had progressed favorably up to the time of writing.

SANITARY CONGRESS.—Dr. C. W. Covernton, Chairman of the Ontario Board of Health, has been requested by the Dominion Government to represent Canada at the Sanitary Congress held in Washington. Dr. Canniff, medical health officer for Toronto, has also been sent as a delegate. The object of the meeting is to recommend to the governments of the United States and Canada the adoption of measures to prevent the invasion and spread of cholera, which is confidently expected to visit our shores next summer.

REMOVAL OF A CYSTIC KIDNEY.—Dr. McLean, Prof. of Surgery, Ann Arbor, Mich., (*Phys. & Surg.*) formerly of Kingston, Ont., removed the left kidney which was in a state of cystic degeneration, both ovaries and a portion of the greater omentum, on the 26th of October last, from a woman supposed to be pregnant (2nd or 3rd month). At last accounts, seventeen days after the operation, the patient was doing well.

EPIDEMIC OF SMALL-POX.—An epidemic of this loathsome disease has broken out in the county of Hastings. In the village of Stoco, scarcely a family has escaped the scourge. The secretary of the Ontario Board of Health, Dr. Bryce, has made a tour of inspection of the district, and is doing all in his power to prevent the spread of the disease.

VACANCIES IN U. S. ARMY AND [NAVY.—The *Medical Record* of New York states that for several years there have been a number of vacancies in the United States army and navy medical department. There are not enough applicants to fill the situations. This ought not to be the case, inas-