

The clergy, we are sorry to say, suffer tenfold more scandals than physicians, notwithstanding that they are the physicians to the moral and spiritual being. They assume to build up what, sad to relate, some of them destroy by a single misdeed. When we pause and look into the retrospect, and compare the moral conduct of the medical man towards his clients with other professions and occupations in life, we are proud to announce our profession as a *physician*.

CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—The following are the papers promised for the meeting of C. M. A., at Banff, August 12th, so far as heard from :—

The Endemic Fern of the North-West Territories (Mountain Fern), Dr. A. Jukes, Regina, N. W. T. The climate of South Alberta, with special reference to its advantages for patients with pulmonary complaints, Dr. G. A. Kennedy, McLeod. Traumatic Inflammations of the eye and their proper treatment, Dr. John F. Fulton, St. Paul, Minn. Hæmatoma of the Vagina and Vulva, Dr. A. W. Wright, Toronto. A case of Empyema successfully treated by free incisions, Dr. James Ross, Toronto. The early recognition and treatment of Epithelioma, Dr. L. Duncan Bulkley, New York city. The relief of pain in Eye and Ear affections, Dr. R. A. Reeve, Toronto. Sulfonal, Dr. James Stewart, Montreal. Nephrolithotomy, Dr. F. J. Shepherd, Montreal. Vertigo, an eye and ear symptom, Dr. J. W. Stirling, Montreal. A Résumé of a few surgical cases, Dr. E. A. Praegu, Nanaimo, B. C.

SULPHONAL AS A HYPNOTIC.—The Swiss correspondent of the *Br. Med. Jour.* says that Drs. Paschoud and Claret read a paper on the use of sulphonal in insanity, in which they stated that the drug is of great service, especially in maniacal excitement, and in the insomnia of melancholia, as well as in every kind of sleeplessness of nervous origin. When given in a dose of 2 grammes (which, if necessary, may be safely repeated once or twice in 24 hours), sulphonal produces calm and refreshing sleep, lasting from 4 to 5 hours. The remedy caused no digestive, respiratory, or vascular disturbances, nor any unpleasant subjective sensations on awakening.

QUININE IN PREGNANCY.—The idea that full doses of quinine are liable to produce abortion seems to be no longer held. A writer to the *Br. Med. Jour.* says, "I have frequently, both at home and abroad, administered large doses of quinine (10 to 20 grains) to pregnant women suffering from malarial fevers, and never observed the uterus at all stimulated by it. I do not know of any drug that will cause, when taken internally, the expulsion of the contents of the pregnant uterus."

FOR TAPE-WORMS IN CHILDREN.—The *Lyon Méd.* gives the following formulæ as effectual and agreeable :

I.

R.—Oleoresin of aspidium ʒj to ʒijss.
Peppermint water f. ʒss.
Essence of anise gtt. x.
Chamomile water f. ʒj.
Syrup of sugar f. ʒv.
Syrup of bitter orange-rind . . . f. ʒv.

II.

R.—Oleoresin of aspidium ʒj.
Calomel 6 grains.
Sugar ʒij.
Gelatine q. s.

Make into the consistency of jelly, and administer as a confection.

CALOMEL AND DIGITALIS IN ASCITES (in dropsy from hepatic cirrhosis).—Schwass (*Centralbl. f. klin. Med.*) advises the use of calomel and digitalis as follows :

R.—Calomel 2 grains.
Digitalis ¼ grain.—M.
S.—Every three hours for a week.

The diuretic action of this combination is far greater than that of either drug alone and can also be tolerated longer and better than either drug when taken by itself.

PROLONGED GESTATION.—Dr. Mans (*N. Y. Med. Jour.*) gives a case of prolonged gestation which he thinks can be authenticated. The period of pregnancy, calculating from the time of last menstruation, was 334 days. At the end of this time the patient bore a healthy male infant weighing nine pounds. This almost breaks the record, though Simpson mentions a case in which delivery occur-