

Times & Gazette), has been using chrysophanic acid recently with great success in the treatment of psoriasis. It is used in the proportion of half a drachm to the ounce of lard and applied as an ointment. This substance has succeeded after failure of various other remedies.

TRINITY MEDICAL SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE IN THE MEDICAL COUNCIL—After considerable delay and much vexatious opposition, the legal counsel on both sides have agreed that Dr. Geikie is the legal representative of Trinity Medical School and is entitled to his seat, and that the costs which have been incurred by reason of his illegal exclusion, shall be paid by the Medical Council. This is what comes of the attempt, on the part of a few interested individuals in the Council, to exclude the legally elected representative of the largest medical school in Ontario. An action for damages will now be in order.

DEATH FROM ETHER INHALATION.—Several cases of death from the inhalation of ether have occurred lately. Two cases are reported in the *Brit. Med. Journal* of recent dates. In one of these cases nitrous oxide gas was given with the ether, and in the other chloroform was first given and afterwards ether—to the extent of two ounces. Another case is reported in the *Med. Times & Gazette*, in which after ether had been given to complete anæsthesia and the operation about to be commenced, the patient became faint, and the breathing was suddenly arrested. All attempts at resuscitation were unsuccessful. A case is also reported in the *Va. Med. Monthly* somewhat similar to the foregoing, except that resuscitation from the primary effects of the ether took place and the operation was completed, but in a few minutes the patient vomited and immediately sank.

THE WARREN TRIENNIAL PRIZE.—The Warren prize committee, consisting of the visiting physicians and surgeons of the Massachusetts General Hospital, have awarded the prize of the present year, to E. O. Shakspeare, M.D., of Philadelphia, for an essay On the Healing of Arteries after Ligation. The committee also announce that the subject for 1880 will be Original Observations in Physiology, Surgery, and Pathological Anatomy. The object of the prize is to stimulate original researches. This is the second prize which has

been given. Essays were sent in from distant parts of the country, and even from across the Atlantic. The next prize, amounting to \$400, will be given for the best essay received on or before the 1st of February, 1880. Essays should be forwarded to the resident physician, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, on or before that date.

OVARIAN CYST COMPLICATED WITH PREGNANCY.—Dr. Erskine Mason reports (New York Pathological Society) a case of ovarian cyst and pregnancy combined, the latter condition not being diagnosed until the trocar was plunged into the uterus during the operation of ovariectomy. The wound in the uterus was immediately closed up by silver wire sutures. A large cyst was found in the left ovary, but was not removed. The wound in the abdomen was closed. The patient passed a restless night, and the following morning gave birth to two fetuses of 5 or 6 months, after which she sank rapidly and died 18½ hours after the operation.

LARGE DOSES OF IPECAC. IN DYSENTERY.—Dr. Sprague of Stirling, Ont., writes in reference to an article on ipecac. in dysentery, in the September number of the *LANCET*. In 1873, during an epidemic of dysentery in Iowa, he treated over 15 or 20 cases with large doses of ipecac—giving generally to adults half a drachm, but before administering it he always gave 20 drops of laudanum and applied a mustard blister over the epigastrium. In many cases he noticed slight nausea, but no emesis;—he has tried the remedy mentioned in many cases since and has seen it prove equally successful when tried by other physicians. He says he has every reason to consider it a specific. It originated not with him to verify its efficacy, as Flint in his work alludes to it, and the U.S. Dispensatory highly endorses it, but unless it is used as above described it will disappoint many.

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