

—A recent report of the St. Petersburg Town Council shows that between May 21st, 1882, and April 1st, 1890, trichinæ were found on microscopic examination in 458 pigs in the slaughter-houses of that city. Trichinæ were also found in 21 specimens of bacon during the same period. During April of the present year alone the carcasses of eight pigs were condemned on the same ground.

RESECTION OF STOMACH FOR SIMPLE ULCER.—At the recent Italian Surgical Congress, Professor Postempski showed a lad, aged 18, on whom, after every kind of medical treatment had been tried to no purpose, he had excised a “round ulcer” by resection of the anterior wall of the stomach near the pylorus. Examination of the ulcer after removal showed that perforation was on the point of taking place. The patient got up on the tenth day after operation; there had been no return of the vomiting which previously troubled him, and he was gaining weight.

SMALLPOX MORTALITY IN SWEDEN.—The statistics of smallpox in Sweden are instructive, as showing in a most conclusive manner the effect of vaccination in mitigating the scourge. From 1774 to 1800 the death-rate from smallpox was 165 per 100,000 of the population. In 1801 optional vaccination was introduced and the smallpox mortality fell to 90 per 100,000 during the following nine years, and to 21 per 100,000 in the six years after that. From 1816, when vaccination was made compulsory, to 1883, beyond which year the official records from which these figures are drawn do not extend, the average death-rate from smallpox has been 18.2 per 100,000 inhabitants. In many single years the rate has been as low as 3, 2, or even 1 per 100,000.—*Brit. Med. Journal.*

HONORS TO SIR ANDREW CLARK AND MR. JONATHAN HUTCHINSON.—The ceremony at the Cambridge University “Commencement” on Tuesday last was of more than ordinary interest to the medical profession, from the fact that the presidents of the Royal College of Physicians of London and of the Royal College of Surgeons were recipients of the honorary degree of LL.D. Sir Andrew Clark, president of the Royal College of Physicians,