

sphygmograph. He thus states his conclusions: Digitalis, in small doses, generally diminishes the frequency of the pulse; in large doses, it increases it. When digitalis is exhibited in such doses as to produce its hyposthenic effects, it lowers the arterial tension; and the contrary effect may possibly be produced by very small doses, as some investigators have asserted. Finally, it is probable that digitalis raises the arterial tension when it diminishes the frequency of the pulse, and that it lowers this tension when it increases the number of the pulsations.—*Journ. Anat. and Phys.*, Nov., 1868.

Syrup of Codeia in Whooping-cough, etc.—The *Journal für Kinderkrankheiten* (7, 8, Hft, 1868) mentions that melon syrup, containing codeia, is at present used as a specific against whooping-cough in Italy. It is also employed in other convulsive coughs of children, especially those which are the sequelæ of acute inflammations; also in the nervous hacking cough of pregnancy in nervous and sensitive women.—*The Practitioner*, Dec., 1868.

—We regret to have to announce the deaths of several distinguished Continental brethren: M. Guillard, one of the provincial notabilities of France, who as chief surgeon to the Hospital of Poitiers, and as a writer and operator, had enjoyed considerable reputation; M. André Utterhoeven, one of the most distinguished medical men of Belgium, Surgeon-in-Chief to the Hospice St. Elisabeth of Antwerp, former Professor of the Free University, Member of the Academy of Medicine and of the Royal Society of Brussels, and the author of several surgical proceedings and valuable writings; and M. Gubian, an able physician of Lyons, one of the founders of the General Dispensary of that city for giving medical relief to the poor in their own homes.—*Lancet*.

—The *Pall Mall Gazette* states that the Russian Government has offered a prize of 3,000 roubles (£400) for the best history of Vaccination, by way of celebrating the hundredth anniversary of the introduction of that practice into Russia by the Empress Catherine II. The prize is open to all European competitors, and the history may be written in any modern European language.—*Lancet*.

—A new effect of the administration of chloroform was pointed out by M. Hurloup at the last meeting of the Chirurgical Society of Paris. A woman who had been chloroformed was seized, on awaking, by a fit of sneezing, which lasted continuously during a quarter of an hour. H. Hurloup believes that in cases of autoplasmic operations on the face this may constitute an inconvenience, in account of the difficulty of maintaining the sutures of the autoplasmic flaps.—*Lancet*.

—The services and sufferings of Dr. Blanc and his companions in Abyssinian captivity, have at length been acknowledged substantially by the Government. We do not think the staunchest advocate for economy will consider that the £2,000 granted to Dr. Blanc is a lavish sum when put in comparison with the imminent risk in which his life was so long passed.—*Lancet*.

HAMILTON CITY HOSPITAL REPORT.

We have received the report of the Medical Officer (Dr. O'Reilly) of the Hamilton City Hospital, for the year 1868, and notice the following items in report:

	M.	F.	Tl.
Patients remaining in Hospital, Jan'y 1st, 1868.....	24	24	48
Patients admitted during 1868.....	239	193	432
Births in Hospital during 1868.....	22	13	35
Total No. in-door patients.....	285	220	515
	M.	F.	Tl.
Patients remaining in Hospital, Dec. 31st, 1868.....	26	19	45

The following table gives the number of patients discharged from Hospital during the year:

	M.	F.	Tl.
Discharged.....	222	187	409
Deaths during the year.....	15	11	26
Totals.....	237	198	435

The following are the diseases which proved fatal during the year and the number of deaths from each disease, (including seven persons admitted to Hospital in a dying state.) Coroners' inquests were held on three of these cases.

Ascites.....	2	Phthisis.....	2
Cerebritis.....	1	Injuries.....	1
Diarrhoea.....	2	Wounds.....	1
Heart Disease.....	2	Peritonitis.....	1
Pneumonia.....	2	Puerperal convulsions.....	1
" typhoid.....	2	Enteritis.....	1
Tetanus, idiopathic.....	1		

The following is the result of treatment of those patients discharged during the year:

Patients discharged cured.....	314
" relieved.....	93
" not benefited.....	2

The number of out-door patients attending the Hospital during the year was 331. Thirty-seven visits were made during the year, in cases of emergency, and to paupers "too ill" to be removed to Hospital.

TOTALS FOR 1868.

Total No. in-door patients.....	460
" of births.....	35
" out-door patients.....	331

Total number under treatment in 1868.. 846

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Notice to Readers, Correspondents, &c.

The Editor having been requested by a number of medical men to act as agent for the purchase of Medical Works, Instruments, Drugs, &c., has made arrangements with the leading houses here and in New York, and will be enabled to obtain those articles in such a manner as he is confident will give satisfaction to the profession.