

Diphtheria: its Nature, Causes, Prevention, and Treatment. By J. H. KELLOGG, M.D., Battle Creek, Michigan.

The Non-Asylum Treatment of the Insane. By WILLIAM A. HAMMOND, M.D. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. 1879.

Oyster-Shuckers' Corneitis. By W. J. McDOWELL, M.D., Baltimore.

OBITUARIES.

Dr. John M. Woodworth, Supervising Surgeon-General of the United States Marine Hospital Service, died on March 16th.

Prof. Gormenschein, the celebrated Prussian Chemist, died last month.

APPOINTMENTS.

Dr. Roberts Bartholow, of Cincinnati, has been elected to the Chair of Materia Medica and Therapeutics in Jefferson Medical College, in place of Dr. J. B. Biddle, deceased.

E. McNichol, of the town of Cobourg, Esq., M.D., has been appointed to be an Associate Coroner in and for the United Counties of Northumberland and Durham.

INTESTINAL DEPLETION *versus* BLEEDING IN URÆMIC NEPHRITIS.

M. de Cérenville has had occasion lately to compare the effect of *intestinal depletion* and that of *bleeding* in uræmic nephritis. He had two cases, completely analogous, of scarlatinal nephritis in young persons of 18 and 19 years of age respectively, affected at the same epoch with acute nephritic complication. In one of the cases drastics were employed: 60 grammes (3*ij*) of compound tincture of jalap, administered in two doses, produced abundant intestinal depletion, which, however, did not prevent death occurring shortly afterwards. At the autopsy the kidney was found of large type, and a not far advanced nephritis existed. The other patient was bled twice, and each time 200 (3*vj*) grammes of blood were taken: the next day amelioration was already manifest, and complete recovery followed.—*Lyon Medical.*

Miscellaneous.

Dr. John Hutton Balfour has resigned the chair of Botany in Edinburgh University, owing to ill health.

ONTARIO MEDICAL COUNCIL ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS.—Over two hundred and seventy students presented themselves in the different years.

ROYAL COLLEGE PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS, KINGSTON.—The regular session of this institution terminated on Friday, March 21st, when Dr. M. Lavell, Professor of Obstetrics, delivered an able and eloquent valedictory, replete with wholesome advice and instruction. The address met with a most hearty reception from the students.

TEST FOR ORGANIC MATTER IN WATER.—Put some of the water into a clean, glass-stoppered bottle; add a little pure cane-sugar; expose, having well stoppered the bottle, to the light in a warm room. Should the water, even after a week's exposure, become turbid, it is dangerously impure for drinking; if it remain clear, it is safe. This is Heinsch's sugar-test.

The cost of beds in the Paris hospitals is given as follows: At the Hôtel Dieu, with 514 beds, the annual expense per bed is 1,194 francs; and at La Charité, with 472 beds, it is 1,096 francs. The Clinique, with 74 beds, is the hospital which costs most, viz., 1,847 francs per bed; and the Ménages, with 1,387 beds, is the hospice which costs least, viz., 399 francs per bed.

COFFEE AND EGG FOR SICK PERSONS.—A sick person, wanting nourishment and having lost appetite, can often be sustained by the following, when nothing else could be taken. Make a strong cup of coffee, adding boiling milk as usual, only sweetening rather more; take an egg, beat yolk and white together thoroughly; boil the coffee, milk, and sugar together, and pour it over the beaten egg in the cup you are going to serve it in. This simple receipt is used frequently in hospital practice.