

Miscellaneous.

DR. WARD has found that the application of honey, painted on with a camel's hair brush, twice or thrice a day, prevents pitting in small-pox. He also recommends it for cracks in the skin from frost.

SULPHIDE OF CALCIUM IN DIABETES.—A case is reported in the *London Lancet* where an apparent cure followed the use of calcium sulphide one-eighth grain with sacch. lactis gr. iii in powders three times a day.

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION TO DR. EVANS, OF BROCKVILLE.—On the evening of Dec. 29th, a number of the leading citizens of Brockville met for the purpose of making a presentation and address to Dr. L. H. Evans, Principal of the Brockville High and Public Schools, who removes to Toronto to enter upon the practice of his profession. Dr. Morden, on behalf of the meeting, presented Dr. Evans with a purse containing one hundred and twenty dollars.

In a paper read by Dr. de Sinéty before the Société de Biologie of Paris, the author avers that the investigations prove the occurrence of lactation in newly born infants; nay, more, he asserts that the foetal breast may contain colostrum. He states that, as in the adult, colostrum is first found, and that subsequently the secretion becomes like that of the suckling mother. The sex of the infant makes no difference. He bases his statements on chemical and anatomical investigations.

POISONING BY CARBOLIC ACID.—A patient of the hospital, while walking down to the boat, suddenly fell down and died. He had been in the habit of taking whiskey and ether in large quantities by the stomach, and had latterly commenced the use of carbolie acid. At the autopsy a large portion of the mucous membrane of the stomach was found completely blackened, and the organ emitted a strong smell of carbolie acid. The cause of the sudden death was not accounted for, but the condition of the mucous membrane of the stomach was of interest, in showing the local effect of the agent.

A BRITISH MEDICAL DEFENCE ASSOCIATION, "To suppress unqualified practice, secret quack medicines, indecent medical publications, bogus diplomas, and *improper alliances* of qualified and unqualified medical men,"—"to protect medical men from vexatious prosecutions; to prevent the registration of non-certified deaths; to correct the abuse of out-practice at Hospitals; to devise a fair tariff of medical fees; and to give medicine a firmer political basis in the House of Commons," has been formed in London, England.

SUGAR IN HEALTHY URINE.—At a meeting of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, in Nov., Dr. Pavy demonstrated the existence of sugar in healthy urine. This was, he believed, much more commonly to be found than was supposed. It might be obtained in various ways, especially by acetate of lead. Thus procured, sugar might, as he showed, be demonstrated in healthy urine by all the ordinary tests,—Moore's, or the liquor potassæ test, Bottger's, or the bismuth test, Fehling's modification of the copper test, and finally the crucial fermentation test.

BRITISH QUALIFICATIONS IN CANADA.—The *London Lancet*, Dec. 8, 1875, in answer to a correspondent states, "Every Colonial Legislature has the power to enforce medical registration within its jurisdiction. It can require those who have been registered in Great Britain to be registered again in the colony; provided, however, that any person who has been duly registered under the Medical Act, shall be entitled to be registered in any colony upon payment of the fees (if any) required for such registration, and upon proof of his registration under said Act." (?)

A THIRD DENTITION AT THE AGE OF SEVENTY-THREE.—M. Echaré relates in the *Gazette des Hôpitaux* (October 9), the remarkable case of an old gentleman, aged seventy-three, who, after manifestation of nervous symptoms for some time, and an abundant salivation, exhibited in his upper jaw, which had long been dismantled of teeth, some fine ones projecting about two millimetres beyond the edge of the gums. They