

GLYCERINE INJECTIONS IN THE DIARRHŒA AND PROLAPSE OF CHILDREN.—Dr. George Rice (*London Practitioner*) reports seven cases in which persistent diarrhœa accompanied by great wasting, yielded to the injection into the rectum of two drachms of glycerine. In no case did he find it necessary to use more than three injections. Where prolapse was present it soon ceased to recur, as the little patient gained strength. Dr. Rice has also found, that where looseness of the bowels supervened in the course of other affections, such as pneumonia, the same happy results attended the injection of two drachms of glycerine. The injections cause neither pain nor discomfort. How glycerine proves so beneficial both in diarrhœa and constipation, Dr. Rice does not pretend to say, though he thinks it possible these troubles might spring from a common cause.

ANEMONE PULSATILLA IN GONORRHŒAL ORCHITIS.—Dr. Martel has employed anemone pulsatilla for some years in gonorrhœal orchitis with success. In 1885 and 1886 he reported a series of cases which he had cured with this agent, in doses of thirty drops of the tincture in twenty-four hours. The drug has the advantage of mitigating the pains and enabling the patient to walk. Dr. Bazy has taken up the experiments lately in the Hospital Midi, Paris, and communicates to the *Sémaine Médicale*, an account of forty-eight cases so treated. In thirty-five cases recovery was complete, in ten there was marked improvement, in two recovery is uncertain, and in one case the drug had no effect. Bazy employs the drug (*Wiener Med. Presse*), in the following formula:

R.—Tinct. pulsatillæ . . . gtt xxx.

Syrupi f $\frac{3}{4}$ iv. M.

Sig.—Dessertspoonful every two hours.

The remedy is willingly taken and well borne by the patients. Treatment must be continued until complete recovery occurs. The average time required for cure is eleven days.

ELECTRICITY IN RHEUMATISM AND ASCITES.—Dr. Walton, of Harvard University, (*Boston Med. and Surg. Jour.*) reports cases of chronic rheumatism that have been benefitted by faradism and galvanism, and M. Muret, after treating cases of chronic ascites by the application of the interrupted current to the abdominal walls, speaks in measured

terms in favor of its occasional trial, as it has a special influence on diuresis and absorption.

TYPHOID FEVER.—Ziensen thinks calomel has a decidedly beneficial effect on typhoid fever when given at the right time—that is within the first five days of the illness. He gives grs. vij ss., three times within two hours. He speaks very highly of antipyrine as an antipyretic, of which he administers 5 grammes in three divided, hourly doses, beginning at 6 p. m. He also recommends thalline and acetanilide for the same purpose, but objects to quinine.

ALUM IN OBSTINATE HÆMATURIA.—Dr. H. D. Didana, of Syracuse, N.Y., has cured (*Jour. Am. Med. Assoc.*) five cases of hæmaturia by administering 60 grains of alum in the course of twenty-four hours. He gave 20 grains in a goblet of water three times a day. In these large doses, and being well diluted, it did not constipate the bowels. This treatment succeeded, after the failure of other remedies.

MENTHOL IN PRURITIS LABII.—Dr. A. Duke, of Dublin, has been successful (*Brit. Med. Jour.*) in treating pruritis of the vulva by rubbing the surface over three or four times with the crystals of menthol. It produces some burning sensation at first, which is followed by a sense of coolness and relief which lasts for days in some cases.

TRINITY MEDICAL COLLEGE.—The teaching staff of this institution has been augmented by the appointment of the following gentlemen:—Dr. D. J. Gibb Wishart, assistant to Dr. Ryerson; Dr. E. A. Spilsbury, instructor in Rhinology and Laryngology; Dr. T. M. Hardie, the uses of the various appliances for diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Drs. G. Gordon, J. A. Watson, F. Winnett and Eden Walker, assistants in practical anatomy.

LOCAL APPLICATION OF PEPSIN.—Dr. H. B. Douglas (*Revue de Thér. Méd.-chr.*), has found pepsin a most valuable application for indolent ulcers. It gives a healthy appearance to the sore, and promotes rapid healing. He uses it with lanolin in the following combination:

R.—Pepsin 48 grains.

Lanolin $\frac{3}{4}$ jv.—M.