

THOMAS A. KEATING, M.D., M.R.C.S. Eng. —One of the best known of western physicians was Dr. Thomas A. Keating, of Guelph, and the news of his sudden death, March 13th, was heard with deep regret by his many friends. He had for many years a large practice in Guelph and vicinity, and was held in high esteem by his brother practitioners. He became a member of the Royal College of Surgeons in England in 1860, and received the degree of M.D. from Victoria University in 1861.

Therapeutic Notes.

STERN (*La Sem. Med.*, 1890) has treated successfully by iodide of potassium five cases of urticaria, four of them being more or less chronic and rebellious to all previous treatment. None of the patients were either syphilitic or asthmatic. In one case, of four months' duration, the itching disappeared on the second day of treatment, and the cure was completed after two and a half drachms of the remedy had been taken. In two cases (one acute, the other chronic) the itching was at first increased, but a successful result was obtained in each case after the administration of seventy-five grains of the drug.—*Maryland Medical Journal*.

RHUS AROMATICA is a valuable remedy in enuresis of children; dose, from five to ten drops three times a day of the fluid extract. It will also sometimes cure what is believed to be diabetes. Its exhibition in small doses three times a day will steadily decrease the amount of urine passed, and relieve the inordinate thirst. It is the remedy for hemorrhage of kidneys and bladder.—*Medical Tribune*.

Miscellaneous.

PATENT MEDICINES AND THE LAY "PRESS."

—At the annual meeting of the Canadian Press Association, held in Ottawa, Mar. 3rd and 4th, Dr. Playter brought before the meeting the subject of patent medicine and cure-all advertisements. Why, the doctor said, should the general press insert such advertisements any more than the medical press? Patent medicines did an incalculable amount of harm, promoted intemperance and disease, misleading the people until

it was too late in many instances, disease having progressed too far for medical skill to apply successful remedies. The most excruciating of all pains, especially to most readers of papers, was "Paine's Celery Compound." The press was a powerful educator, a great power for good or for ill. The time would surely come when this practice of the press would be abandoned. Dr. Playter asked for a committee to be appointed by the President to report on the subject at the next meeting of the association. The President referred the question to the Executive Committee, and said the association would be glad to have a paper on the subject from the doctor at the next meeting. Dr. Playter intends to give a paper on it, and to press for more discrimination in regard to the advertising of such nostrums.

NEW BUILDINGS FOR THE JEFFERSON MEDICAL COLLEGE OF PHILADELPHIA.—The Board of Trustees and the Faculty of the Jefferson Medical College have just completed the purchase of two large lots on Broad Street, giving them a frontage of about 300 ft. and a depth of 150 ft., upon which they will proceed to erect at once a handsome hospital, lecture hall, and laboratory building. The estimated cost of the buildings is \$500,000. The hospital will be built not only as a suitable building in which to care for the sick and injured, but will also be provided with a large amphitheatre for clinical lectures. The basement of the hospital will be given over to the various dispensaries, each of which will be provided with large waiting and physicians' rooms.

THE cultivation of the erythroxion coca has been introduced into Hindustan. It grows like a weed in Madras, and the leaves are said to yield a cocaine fully equal to that obtained from the American coca.

AT the last meeting of the Governors of St. Thomas' Hospital Mr. William Anderson was elected surgeon, in succession to Mr. John Croft, who has retired by seniority.

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