

pected death of the wife of Dr. C. W. Covernton, of this city, in the sixty-sixth year of her age. She will be greatly missed by her large family and a numerous circle of friends. The doctor and family have our deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

COMPOUND FRACTURES.—Dr. W. P. Verity, of Chicago, read a paper before the American Medical Association on the "Treatment of Compound Fractures by Wiring and Drainage." In all cases of compound comminuted fractures coming under his care, he first cleansed the parts and removed all loose fragments likely to produce irritation. He is, however, opposed to removing any fragments that can be wired, as they are needed for support. All the sharp edges should be removed and the bones firmly wired together, and free drainage provided for by large drainage-tubes. The limb should then be covered with antiseptic dressing and incased in a plaster cast, which should be removed at each dressing. The advantages claimed for his treatment are that there is no shortening, union is more rapid, and no extension is required.

CHRONIC CERVICAL ENDOMETRITIS—Dr. T. Gaillard Thomas speaks highly of the following in this affection :

R	Magnes sulphatis,	℥ ii ;
	Ferri sulphatis,	gr. xvi ;
	Acid. Sulph. dil.,	℥ i ;
	Aquæ,	O i ;

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Sig. Two tablespoonfuls in a tumbler of ice-water daily on risidg.

Dr. RYERSON, of Toronto, acting surgeon of the Royal Grenadiers, who has been away with the North-West expedition, has returned and resumed practice. The Dr. was through the Fish Creek and Batoche engagements, and the subsequent operations of Gen. Middleton's column.

We beg leave to call attention to the elegant inset of Hazen Morse in this and last issue of the LANCET. His preparations have been before the profession for several years, and are constantly growing in professional favor.

Mr. John Eric Erichsen, author of the work on Surgery which bears his name, and Mr. Ernest Hart, editor of the *Brit. Med. Journal*, will be

candidates for Parliamentary honors at the next election.

The McIntosh Galvanic and Faradic Co. have been awarded the Gold Medal at the New Orleans Exhibition.

### Books and Pamphlets.

CHOLERA : Its origin, history, causation, symptoms, lesions, prevention, and treatment. By Alfred Stillé, M.D., LL.D., etc., etc. Philadelphia : Lea Brothers & Co.

Professor Stillé has contrived to compress into a little octavo of 162 pages all that he has felt called upon to say in relation to the absorbing subject of Asiatic cholera. He is a very decided contagionist. This doctrine seems to be as much favored now, as fifty years ago it was centemned. The logic of stern facts has been too powerful for the fancies of optimistic doctrinaires, and medical men of the present day have awakened to the old fact that two and two make four, and that no quantity of nonsense, added to an unknown quantity of baseless assumption, will be the equivalent of ever so fractional a part of truth. Dr. Stillé may be said to have been on the best terms of authoristic concordance with the writers of the May volume of W. Wood & Co. ; in fact they so reciprocally borrow and lend that they must all be on terms of close amity ; but it is not always easy to say which party is the borrower, and which the lender. We must however be so just as to instance one exception to this mutuality. Dr. Stillé deals rather sternly with Dr. Sternberg's adopted comma bacillus. He says : "It seems no longer possible to accept the bacillar doctrine of the production of cholera." In support of this negation he quotes Koch, on the mortality of the comma bacilli, where he has been so frank as to tell us, that, "even after three hours drying every vestige of life has disappeared." What! so fearfully killing, and yet so easily killed.

A PRACTICAL TREATISE ON URINARY AND RENAL DISEASES, INCLUDING URINARY DEPOSITS. Illustrated by Numerous Cases and Engravings. By William Roberts, M.D., F.R.S., F.R.C.P. (Lond.), Professor of Medicine at the Victoria University, etc., assisted by Robert Maguire, M.D., Lond., F.R.C.P., etc. Fourth Edition. Philadelphia : Lea Bros. & Co. ; Toronto : Van-  
nevar & Co. Price, \$3.50.

The work before us is one we can recommend to those in need of a good reliable work on the