

NERVOUS COUGH AS A REFLEX SYMPTOM OF ANTEVERSION OF THE UTERUS.—Dr. Malachia de Christoforis reports the following case: A lady of twenty-three had suffered for a long time from a nervous cough, having these peculiar features. It occurred only in the day-time, disappearing as soon as she lay down, whether at night or in the day-time. There would be a series of eight or ten dry coughs, followed by half an hour's quiet. She had also suffered for a year from frequent micturition and a dragging sensation in the lumbo-sacral region. Various nervines had been tried ineffectually. Her history was, that her first and only pregnancy, two years before, had resulted in an abortion at three months, and had been followed by some persistent leucorrhœa and lumbo-sacral pain, aggravated by standing and walking. On examination, the larynx, chest, and abdomen were found free from disease, nor was there any sensitive point in the spine; there were two painful points in the face, however, referable to the trigeminus. On making a vaginal examination, the uterus was found enlarged and anteverted, so that the body lay behind the pubic bone and the cervix pressed against the sacrum. These abnormal relations were remedied on her assuming the horizontal position. A double curved Hodge's pessary was introduced, which restored the uterus to its normal position, and the cough was relieved, to return, however, when, by way of experiment, the pessary was temporarily removed after a few days. After a year it was no longer required. The author's theory is, that these reflex symptoms may have arisen from pressure of the body of the uterus upon the bladder, from traction upon the utero-sacral ligaments, or from pressure of the cervix upon the posterior sacral plexus or its branches—perhaps all three reasons combined.—*Schmidt's Jahrb. in Medical Record.*

DEATH OF MR. HINTON.—The death is announced of Mr. James Hinton, Aural Surgeon to Guy's Hospital. Besides his works on aural surgery, Mr. Hinton published several learned philosophical works. He retired from practice in 1874, and died at the island of St Michaels (Azores), on December 16th last.

The death is announced, at the age of 75, of Wm. Sands Cox, F.R.S., F.R.C.S., D.L., of Birmingham, England.

We observe by our exchanges that Dr. Edward Martin, Director of the Institute for Clinical Midwifery at the University of Berlin, Dr. Charles E. Squarey, and Dr. Lorenzo Desmond, of Liverpool, are dead.

APPOINTMENTS.

DE WOLFE, G.H.H., M.D., Canada; M.B., C.M. Univ. Edin., has been appointed medical officer to the Tintern District of the Chepstow Union, and to the Tintern Abbey Iron and Wire Works.

SAMUEL W. MOORE, of the Village of Niles-town, M.D., to be an Associate Coroner in and for the county of Middlesex.

DR. JAMES WHITE has been appointed Resident Physician to the Hamilton Hospital.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

At 336 Yonge Street, on January 24th, the wife of J. E. Graham, M.D., of a daughter.

On the 17th inst., corner of John and McGill streets, the wife of Dr. T. J. W. Burgess, of a daughter.

On the 16th inst., at London, the wife of Dr. C. A. Gibbs, of a son.

In Blyth, on the 1st inst., the wife of Dr. Sloan of a son.

At Ann Arbor, Michigan, on the 17th inst., the wife of Professor Donald Maclean, M.D., of a son, still-born.

MARRIAGES.

DE LA HOOKE—PELL—On the 19th inst., at the church of the Holy Trinity, by the Rev. W. S. Darling, James Ackland, eldest son of Dr. De La Hooke, to Adelaide Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the late Mr. J. C. Pell.

DEATHS.

At Frankford, on 3rd of January, Amanda M., the beloved wife of Dr. A. J. Campbell.

At Chippewa, on the 13th inst., Mary Vernon, infant daughter of E. A. Gaviller, M.D.

On the 12th of December, at his residence, Swede Point, Iowa, U.S., G. A. Palmer, M.D., aged 32 years and 9 months, youngest son of James Palmer, of Danforth, Scarboro', Ont.

BARRETT.—At Winona, Miss., on the 19th inst., Mrs. F. Barrett, relict of the late Michael Barrett, barrister, and mother of Dr. M. and R. G. Barrett, of this city, aged 80 years.