

interest, which have from time to time appeared in our journal. Practically, he was a good surgeon, performing operations with coolness and dexterity, and in one of his communications published in the August (1875) No. of this periodical, he proposed a new method of securing the pedicle in ovariectomy. His last contribution to medical literature appeared in February (1878) number of our periodical, on a case of diphtheria, in which tracheotomy was performed, and which was successful. Dr. Bell was an M.A., of Queen's College, Kingston, he was an excellent botanist. and he graduated at McGill University, in 1866, receiving the degree of M.D., C.M.

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PHOSPHORUS PILLS.—We have received from Messrs. W. R. Warner & Co. of Philadelphia, a box containing a number of samples of their sugar-coated phosphorus pills. These are most excellent preparations, the phosphorus being in combination with other drugs. This process with great skill and care is effected while in solution, and the pills are perfectly protected from oxidization by the sugar coating. We learn that the mass is soft, has the odour of phosphorus, is luminous in the dark, perfectly homogeneous, exhibits no particles of undivided phosphorus.

The pills may be had containing phosphorus only, in doses of from 1-50 to 1-100 of a grain, or the phosphorus can be procured in combination with iron, cannabis indica, cantharides, strychnine, quinine, nux vomica, and various other medicinal substances, a list of the various combinations, and the quantity of phosphorus in each case can be seen by referring to the advertisement of Messrs. Warner & Co,

These preparations are perfectly reliable, they have been found by analysis to contain the exact quantity in each pill as indicated on the label. We commend these preparations to our readers; the value of phosphorus as a nervine is fully recognized. In these pills the drug is presented in an elementary state, and is free from those repulsive qualities which have so greatly militated against its use.