

of regulations relating to the migration of large bodies of people in times of contagious diseases. That much should be done to prevent the spread of contagious diseases is now an admitted fact. Quarantine, when properly carried out, has more than once held the enemy at bay. Thorough disinfection of the patients, their goods and vessels, has arrested the onward march of many an epidemic. He advocates the co-operation of sanitary officers of different countries acting in conjunction with each other. Thus the officers abroad could aid those in America, and *vice versa*, in controlling cholera, or international rules could be agreed upon.

PAPAIN AS A REMEDY FOR TÆNIA.—Dr. Roberts Bartholow (*Medical News*, Oct. 6) directs attention to the employment of papain in tænia solium. The case he mentions had tried extract pine needles, naphthalin, pumpkin seeds, pelletierin, croton oil, etc., until there was much irritation of the digestive organs. To correct this, the patient was ordered 10 grs. of papain three times a day. It seems as if, in a few days, the papain exerts some toxic influence on the parasite, causing it to relax its hold, when a good dose of a laxative carries it off. It seemed stupefied; but on the application of warm water, the uncoiling began.

INCONTINENCE OF URINE AND FÆCES CURED BY CIRCUMCISION.—H. L. Rosenberry, M.D., in *Medical Record* for Aug. 11th, gives the description of a case, where a child of four years had constant dripping of urine and no power to retain the fæces. The sphincter muscle seemed to be very relaxed. Circumcision was performed, and the wound healed well. The incontinence of fæces ceased at once. A short period of treatment with atropia gr. 1-120, hypodermically till the throat became dry, cured the incontinence of urine.

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A CARD OF THANKS TO THE MEDICAL ELECTORS OF TERRITORIAL DIVI- SION No. 12.

GENTLEMEN,—I desire to tender to you my grateful thanks for the honour you have conferred upon me by selecting and electing me as your representative in the Medical Council, and to express my very high admiration of the manner in which you have vindicated your manliness and fidelity by refusing to swerve from your pledges of support, even though subjected to private solicitation and personal pressure of varied kinds and from many sources. It is to me a matter of great satisfaction that, from start to finish, my canvassers have scrupulously refrained from every means of influencing you that could be regarded, by the most fastidious, as unfair or dishonourable. Attempts, it is true, were freely made to bring you into line by appeals to your fears, to your University sympathies, to your political partyism, to your sectarian alliances, and to your fraternal or society ties and obligations; but I am glad to know that no such attempts were made in my behalf, and that even on behalf of my opponent, they were made chiefly by persons not resident in our division, and whose interference was, on that account, both impertinent and offensive. Such efforts to influence you were, in most cases, barren of profitable result, and it is gratifying to know that, in not a few instances, they evoked from you replies that were far more forcible than complimentary.

When two years ago it was charged that—not content with exercising their abnormal and usurped powers of appointment—