

Verner. He had worked with unusual perseverance during the winter, and went up for his primary examination at Victoria. During the examinations he was taken ill with typhoid fever, complicated with pre-existing heart disease. He was confined to bed on Monday, April 2nd, and died on the following Thursday, at the age of 18. The students of the two Medical Schools, together with many teachers and friends of the deceased, and his afflicted family, attended the funeral on Saturday, the 7th.

Miscellaneous.

M. C. H. STEARNS, F.R.M.S., has adapted a small swan lamp of two or three candle power for use with the microscope, to which it is permanently attached. It offers many advantages over the ordinary oil lamp, and the light is controlled by a small resistance coil, and two or three Grove or Bessemer cells are sufficient to work it.—*Gaillard's Med. Jul.*

"In one case, convulsions of an epileptiform character, were so violent, that alcohol was applied the whole length of the spinal column and fired by a match. The relief was immediate. Spasms ceased and sleep ensued," is a Southern treatment of "intermittent hysteria, complicated with organic uterine affection."

DR. ROBERT NEWMAN in the *Southern Clinic* recommends in gonorrhœa the Good-year P.P.P. syringe. This is a soft rubber bulb syringe with a stiffened conical nozzle, fitted with a screw cap to prevent leakage. Its capacity is five drachms. It can be filled in the morning and carried in the pocket to business and used during the day, the contents being sufficient for several injections.

The death rate in *Billroth's Clinic* was 9.5 per cent. in 1881, and in 1882 it sank to 6.3 per cent. Iodoform gets credit for the improvement.

IODOFORM PENCILS.

Iodoform.....	ʒ ij.
Gum Tragacanth.....	grs. ij.
Glycerine.....	gtt. ij.
Distilled water.....	gtt. iij.

Make a pill mass to be rolled into pencils as thick as a small penholder.

The pencil should be recently prepared. Introduced into a fistulous tract it is generally found dissolved between one dressing and another.—*Journal de Pharmacie d'Alsace Lorraine (Lyon Méd.)*

This is the season of the year when the thrifty, honest, conscientious, busy practitioner, who places his spare dollars where they will do the most good, encloses the amount of his "subscription in advance" to his medical journal. He thus lays up treasure which neither rusts nor is corrupted, and which yields him the largest percentage of interest of any investment he can make. Moreover, by such remittance he makes glad the heart of the publisher, and infuses new life and zeal into the editorial quill. As an act which is "twice blest," "drops as the gentle dew upon the place beneath," etc., the prompt remittance of the subscription, accompanied by a word of good cheer, double discounts that "quality of mercy" which, Shakespeare says, "is not strained." Try it, friends.—*Med Age.*

PERMANGANATE OF POTASH PILLS.—Since the recommendation of this salt in amenorrhœa by Ringer & Murrell, many have doubtless tried to compound these pills and found them to explode or burn. Mr. Snell, L.R.C.P., Edin., advises that the permanganate be reduced to powder, mixed with a drop or two of water and rubbed up with starch powder or compound tragacanth powder; it may then be made into a mass with extract of gentian, and if a coating is desired, compound tincture of benzoin answers well. Dr. MacPherson, of Glasgow, uses liquorice powder and a little oil. B. S. Proctor (*Pharm. Jour and Trans.*) recommends china clay and water. Martindale, of Cavendish street, also uses kaolin and coats with sandarach.