

Jennings, of Halifax, N.S., at the age of 68 years. He graduated in 1843, and was probably one of the best known physicians in that city. Although brusque in manner, few men were more kindly disposed or did more charity work than Dr. Jennings. He was coroner for many years, and his position gave him opportunities of doing good which he availed himself of in endeavoring to bring about reforms in the social and sanitary condition of his fellow-citizens. His death will be deeply regretted by a large circle of acquaintances.

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The sudden and unexpected death of Dr. Willcock of this city, in the prime of active professional life, was a surprise to his many warm friends. He was a man of great promise, and had his life been spared a few years, he would have risen to eminence in his chosen profession. He was greatly beloved and respected, and leaves a wife (a relative of W. W. Ogden, M.D.) and one child to mourn his untimely loss.

MURIATE OF COCAINE.—In our last number we made a short note of this new and valuable anæsthetic. Since then it has been tried extensively in nearly all the cities of the new world, and the medical journals are filled with reports of its use, and the satisfactory nature of the results obtained. Its peculiar properties have been known to the profession for about a year, its use being to diminish sensibility in operations on the larynx. Dr. Koller first demonstrated its anæsthetic properties on the eye at the Ophthalmological Congress in Heidelberg, in September last. Since that time it has been tested by ophthalmologists in Europe and America with the most satisfactory results. Cocaine is an alkaloid obtained from the leaves of the *erythroxylon coca*. The drug is applied by instilling into (or brushing over) the part a four per cent. solution at short intervals until complete insensibility is produced, when the operation may at once be proceeded with. Reports of its use in practice by Drs. Rosebrugh and Reeve of this city will be found in another column.

AS OTHERS SEE US.—Prof. Struthers who visited Canada with the British Science Association, in his opening address in Aberdeen University, stated that he never heard better speaking than at the

dinner of the Canadian Medical Association in Montreal, or more evidence of culture in the profession of any country. He also spoke very highly of our preliminary and professional examinations, and the excellent character of the teaching and examinations of our Universities. In his opinion however, better endowments were required for our scientific chairs. In conclusion he said that upon the whole the medical profession in Canada deserve the best sympathy and support from Great Britain in its efforts to maintain a good standard in the face of the depressing tendencies of the system of the neighbouring States of America.

A MATTER OF OPINION.—We have again been favored with one of those magnificent works of art by John Rogers, 23 Union Square, New York. The following cut gives a faint idea of the design of the artist. It represents two physicians in consultation over a lady patient. One of them is ex-



amining the pulse and apparently explaining his view of the case. The other plainly shows his scorn and contempt for such a gross breach of professional etiquette and is buttoning up his coat and preparing to leave. The work must be seen to be fully appreciated. It would be most suitable as a Christmas or wedding present, or as an ornament in a doctor's office.

OTTAWA MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—This Society held its first meeting of the season on Fri-