

offered prizes for the best essays on sanitary subjects, offers for the present year 1750 dollars to be awarded as prizes on the following subjects: (1) The sanitary conditions and necessities of school-houses and school life; (2) the preventable causes of disease, injury, and death in American manufactories and workshops, and the best means and appliances for preventing and avoiding them; (3) plans for dwelling-houses—(a) the cost not to exceed 800 dollars; (b) the cost not to exceed 1600 dollars.

TREATMENT OF CHANCROIDS.—Prof. Gross treats chancroids (*Col. and C in. Rep.*) as follows, if seen a few days after their appearance: Wipe out the sore and under the edges thoroughly with cotton, then apply with another bit of cotton carbolic acid, being careful to touch all the raw surface and to get well under the undermined edges. The pain caused by the application is but momentary, and is followed by a sensation of numbness, which prevents pain from further manipulations. Now, with a bit of cotton wrapped on a match, touch the ulcer with strong nitric acid. This will destroy whatever poison there may be left. Protect with a bit of cotton. Have the patient bathe the penis in warm alkaline water three or four times per diem. If the prepuce covers the sore, let him use a wash:—

R	Cupri sulphat.,	gr $\frac{1}{2}$	
	Acid. tannic.,	gr. ij	
	Aqueæ,	f 5j.	M.

Place a piece of cotton cloth between the glans and prepuce. A bubo can be aborted by injecting into it an eight per cent. solution of carbolic acid, and the use of compression. If already formed, it may be treated as the original sore.

THE CHOLERA.—There is no doubt that this scourge has appeared at Brindisi, and is supposed to have been brought by a P. & O. steamer. A rigorous quarantine has been imposed at all Italian ports on vessels from the Adriatic coast. It is to be hoped that such measures may be taken by the various governments as will prevent its spread westward, and that we in America may be spared, as we have been in the past few years, from so terrible a visitation.

REMOVAL OF FOREIGN BODIES FROM THE EAR.—Following Jonathan Hutchinson's explanation of

his method of removing foreign bodies from the ear, Dr. Gramshaw writes to the *Lancet* that he has rarely failed in this operation, by injecting into the ear hot soap suds from a five ounce syringe. He has thus removed cherry-stones, beads, slate-pencils, etc. He is of the opinion that when they are so firmly impacted as not to be removed by this method, the wire loop will fail also.

TREATMENT OF HYDROPHOBIA BY SWEATING.—Buisson's mode of the treatment of hydrophobia by sweating is being revived in the East. A report from Odessa goes to show that considerable reliance may be placed upon this method. A boy who showed apparently unmistakable symptoms of the disease seventeen days after being bitten, was placed in a bath, the temperature of which was rapidly raised to 42° Reaumur. He became unconscious, but was kept in the bath for one hour. He was then placed in a room at 68° and swathed in cloths. This was repeated twice a day for three days, when he appeared well and has remained so since.

TORONTO MEDICAL SOCIETY.—The following have been elected officers of the Toronto Medical Society for the ensuing year: President, Dr. McPhedran; 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents, Drs. Nevitt and Machell; Recording Secretary, Dr. Peters; Corresponding Secresary, Dr. Cochrane; Treasurer, Dr. Spencer; Council, Drs. Atherton, Graham, and Reeve.

CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—The meeting of the Canadian Medical Association will be held this year in Quebec, on the 18th and 19th of August. Arrangements will be made with the steamboat and railway companies for reduced rates. Owing to the absence of Dr. Stewart in Germany, Dr. J. Bell is acting Secretary, and he will be pleased to hear from medical gentlemen who intend to read papers at the meeting, as early as possible, and also give any other information desired.

ARTIFICIAL COCAINE.—M. Merck, of Darmstadt, has succeeded in making an artificial cocaine, which is said to possess all the properties of the natural alkaloid. The price of this valuable drug having greatly decreased, it will no doubt soon be found in more general use.