

—Dr. Davis says, under frequent disinfections of the vagina, and irrigation through the rupture with boiled water, and the use of the tampon or drainage tube, a large number of cases of *Partial Rupture of the Uterus* will recover.

—In *Acute Urethritis*, in combination with an injection, Prof. Horwitz recommends the use of the following, in capsule :—

R. Cubebæ,	gr. v	
Copaibæ,	gr. x	
Salol,	gr. x	
Pepsin,	gr. j.	M.

Sig.—One three times a day.

—The recurrence of *Malignant Growth*, excepting Sarcoma, according to Prof. Keen, rarely appears before six months after the operation, and if such a recurrence does not take place within three years after the operation, the chances of its not recurring at all are the very best.

—Prof. Parvin calls attention to the fact that in opening an *Abscess of the Breast*, the incision should always be made longitudinally and not transversely. For, he says, when the opening is made by a transverse incision more milk ducts will be destroyed than if the incision had been made longitudinally.

—For *Colic in Children*, especially if associated with some nervous irritation, Prof. Hare recommends the following (the dose is for a child one year old) :—

R. Chloral,	gr. viij	
Sodii bromid.,	gr. xvj	
Syr. lactucarii,	f ̄ ss.	
Aquæ, q.s ad	f ̄ j.	M.

Sig.—Teaspoonful not oftener than every four hours during the night.

HIGHER MEDICAL EDUCATION.

In pursuance of the policy recently announced in the resolution to be presented to the American Medical College Association, the trustees and faculty of Rush Medical College have decided to require four years attendance at college from students who begin the study of medicine this year with a view to graduation in 1898; however, those who have already studied medicine one year or more with a preceptor, so that the four years of study, already required, will be completed before July, 1897, may graduate after three courses of lectures as heretofore. To encourage proper preliminary study, graduates in arts and sciences from high grade colleges, and graduates in pharmacy and dentistry from colleges requiring a proper amount of study and two full courses of lectures will, until further notice, be allowed to graduate after an attendance on only three courses of lectures.

PUBLISHERS' DEPARTMENT.

PERTURBED NERVOUS FORCES—AN UNSURPASSED COMPOSER AND PAIN-RELIEVER.

The season of pneumonia, typhoid, bronchitis, also the recurring epidemic of influenza, while not so malignant as its predecessor, la grippe, still makes *apropos* an extract from *The Medical Summary*. It says, in speaking of the action of antikamnia :—

“ This drug has a well-earned character as an analgesic. It is one of the few among the many claimants for favor that have successfully stood the test of experience. In a case of acute poly-articular rheumatism prominently affecting both knees, where there was great swelling and exquisite tenderness of the articulations, two ten-grain doses at an interval of an hour procured almost complete relief, followed by several hours of restful sleep. This was the more remarkable as after one or two more doses there was comparatively little pain experienced to the close of the attack. For the relief of nervous headache; hemicrania, menstrual neuroses and neuralgias in general, it cannot be over-praised. In the prevailing epidemic of la grippe its usefulness as a pain-reliever and composer of the perturbed nervous forces is unsurpassed. It has become indispensable, and doubtless there is not a physician acquainted with its decisive action who could be induced to dispense with it. Five or ten grains as a commencing dose, then two, three or five grains every three or five hours, will relieve the severest cases, in a few hours causing the splitting cephalalgia, lumbar and general muscular pains and nervous disquietude to vanish. On the whole, it abates the fever and subdues the whole assemblage of perturbed activities that distinguish la grippe as no other agent, or combination of agents, has ever done, producing not a single unpleasant symptom and leaving no sequelæ. Quinine checks ague, digitalis energizes the drooping heart, ergot promotes uterine contraction, but their action is no more nearly specific than is that of antikamnia in its sphere of usefulness.” In line with and supplementary to the foregoing, Hugo Engel, A.M., M.D., late Lecturer on Electro-Therapeutics, Jefferson Medical College, Professor of Nervous Diseases and Clinical Medicine, Med. Chir. College, and Consultant in Nervous Diseases at St. Joseph's Hospital, Philadelphia, says: “ The remedy has become a favorite with many members of the profession. 'It is very reliable in all kinds of pain, and is quickly acting as a hypodermic injection of morphia. It is used *only internally*. To stop pain, five grains are administered at once; three minutes later the same dose is repeated, and, if necessary, a third dose given three minutes after the second. If ten minutes after the third dose the remedy has had a decided effect, but a little of the pain be remaining, a fourth dose of gr. v. may then be administered. In 92 per cent. of all cases it immediately stops the pain.

“ The following is an excellent prescription in la grippe and painful bronchial catarrh :—

“ R. Antikamnia (genuine).....	ʒ ij
Mist. Glycyrrh. Comp.....	ʒ ij
F. E. Rad. Glycyrrh.....	ʒ ij
Vini Rubri Gall.....	q. s. ft. ʒ vj

“ M. Sig.—Two teaspoonfuls every three hours.

“ For whooping-cough in a child four years old :

“ R. Antikamnia (genuine).....	ʒ xxxv
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“ Divide in chart, No. xij.

“ Sig.—At night, one powder every fifteen minutes until three have been taken. Administer in dilute claret, or port or sherry wine.

“ As an antipyretic, from gr. v. to gr. x. should be given every ten minutes until the temperature has been reduced, or 40 to 50 grains have been taken, when the same dose is repeated at longer intervals, until the desired effect is obtained.”