

most intense pain is at once perceived, amounting in a few moments to actual vesication.

The shape of this truly valuable little instrument and its size adapt it for the waistcoat pocket, while the simple, uncomplicated, and ready mode of procuring from it an uninterrupted stream of galvanism are important considerations, and in striking contrast with the cumbrous and troublesome intermittent-current batteries now in use, and which we venture to predict it will completely supersede.

Mr. Palmer has patented his invention in this Province, and steps are being taken to secure patent rights in the United States, Great Britain, France, and Germany.

Its low price, which varies with its size from \$6 to \$8, highly recommends it to general favour among the profession; and we hope that while this invention will unquestionably tend to the relief of human suffering, it will also return an ample reward to the patentee. It has been already tried in some of our Hospitals, and in the original department of this number we have inserted a short report of a number of cases in which its employment has been highly satisfactory.

THE MEDICAL BILLS BEFORE PARLIAMENT.

We are happy to announce that the Vaccination Bill has passed the Legislative Assembly, and been forwarded to the Legislative Council, where, we have no doubt, it will meet with equal favour. But while congratulating our readers on this favour, we have to confess that it comes with an alloy. The Eclectic Medical Bill has also passed the Assembly, to its shame, and has been also sent to the Upper House, where we hope that sufficient patriotism, and appreciation of the true interests of the public, still exist, and where we do most sincerely trust it will be sent to the tomb of the Capulets. We cannot but confess to extreme surprise that the Legislative Assembly should act in this manner. Time after time has the Profession of the Upper Province sought but unavailingly, an Act of Incorporation at its hands; but no sooner does some species of humbug, whether appearing under the name of Homœopathy or Eclecticism, ask a like boon, than their request is at once acceded to. In the nineteenth century, we could hardly have imagined such a thing possible, but it is nevertheless true as holy writ. Our advice to the Assembly is, as on a perfect par to its proceeding with regard to the Eclectic Medical Bill, that it should pass an Act legalizing the practice of thimble-rigging, and impostures of all kinds. People might wonder and stare, but many sensible men would ask "wherein lies the difference." We trust that in the Legislative Council there will be found sufficient good sense to prevent such a measure from being foisted upon the people of the Province.

THE CONVOCATION AT M'GILL COLLEGE.

The proceedings of the annual convocation were this year divided, and were held on the 2nd and 3rd of May; those of the first day having been devoted to