

means, it does not adapt itself so readily to all the situations, forms, and depths. The sulphuric acid has been found by the author preferable to it and to the nitric acid, while other practitioners give the preference to the perchloride of iron. The eschars once separated, styrax and aromatic wine proved the best of topical applications; while, when cicatrization was delayed, or there was a tendency to substitute ulcerative form, citric acid, camphor, cinchona and carbon, tincture of iodine or nitrate of silver, and if necessary, nitric acid, imparted a new and favorable impulse to the cicatricial process. The formation of a crust or magna on the surface of the sore by means of some of the above powders has been found to encourage the healing process, and to diminish the patient's sufferings. For the chronic form the perchloride of iron is better adapted than the sulphuric acid. But let the local measures employed be what they will, success will be impossible or transient, unless the general conditions and the necessity of removing the patient from the infected medium be borne in mind.—*Br. & For. Chair. Rev.*

Tears containing Sugar.—Dr. Gibb showed to the Pathological Society some tears shed by a young married lady, aged 21, the mother of one child, who has had diabetes for two years since the child was weaned. They contained a large amount of sugar as contrasted with that in an equal bulk of her urine, which was of the specific gravity of 1043. An evaporated drop of the tears on a piece of glass gave a much thicker and more opaque crust than was yielded by a drop of the urine.—*Medical Times and Gazette*, July 3, 1858.

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MOTIVES TO STUDY.—Of the ostensible motives to acquire the medical profession, it is to be lamented that many are of a most unworthy kind. The parent, who numbers in his family circle many members, may, in his anxious concern for the future prosperity in life of each, feel an inward temptation to decide without reference to the inclination or choice of any. In possession of domestic rule, he fixes his determinations, and proceeds to give them, when the suitable time arrives, their proper effect. Without realizing whether there be in his child an adaptability or not to the end in view, he summarily measures his course. He takes a worldly-wise view of the transaction, and does that which, he believes, will bring most elevation to his relatives or the largest riches to