

LYMPH SCROTUM AND THE FILARIA SANGUINIS HOMINIS.—At a late meeting of the Pathological Society of London Mr. G. C. Coles exhibited a specimen of lymph scrotum which consists in a varicose condition of the scrotal lymphatics, followed by inflammation of the skin and exudation of a clear and subsequently milky fluid. He pointed out the relation between this affection and elephantiasis on the one hand, and chyluria on the other. Lewis discovered the existence of filariæ in cases of chyluria, and the parasites were subsequently shown to exist in cases of lymph scrotum also. Dr. Bancroft, in Australia, last year discovered the mature worm (called by Cobbold *Filaria Bancrofti*), of which the *Filaria Sanguinis Hominis* is the larval form; and it appears from Dr. Manson's (of Amoy) researches that the mosquito serves as an intermediary host between these two. He found that, taken into the stomach of the mosquito (he had counted as many as 120 in one mosquito) the filaria casts its skin and assumes a sausage shape, the female depositing her eggs on the surface of the water and dying there. The filariæ are introduced into the human organism by the drinking water, and produce varicosity of the lymphatics by mechanical obstruction.

Dr. Hughlings Jackson has been the recipient of the first award of the Marshall Hall Memorial Prize of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society for his investigations into the Pathology of the Nervous System. The Fothergillian Gold Medal of the Medical Society of London has been awarded to Dr. J. Milner Fothergill for his essay on the Physiological Antagonism of Certain Poisons. The silver medal of the same society has been awarded to Dr. J. Althaus for the best paper of the session; the subject of the paper being the Lesions of the Anterior Cornua of the Grey Matter of the Spinal Cord. This paper appears in the April number of the American Journal of the Medical Sciences. Dr. Cohnheim, Professor of Pathological Anatomy in Breslau, has accepted an invitation to the same chair in the University of Leipsic, and is succeeded by Dr. Ponfick, Professor in Gottingen. The Sixth International Medical Congress will be held in Am-

sterdam in September, 1879. We are informed that Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson is likely to succeed Mr. Erasmus Wilson in the Professorship of Dermatology at the Royal College of Surgeons, England. Mr. Richard Liebreich has resigned the post of Ophthalmic Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital.

TIHERAPEUTICS OF IRON.—There are two different states found in women where iron is either totally contra-indicated or to be given with great caution. The first is a condition of amenorrhœa in florid, plethoric persons. The other is the opposite condition of menorrhagia in certain females. There are cases of menorrhagia associated with pallor and debility, where the usual compound of iron and extract of ergot is not so useful as a non-chalybeate treatment. In these cases it is not any imperfection in the process of blood manufacture which is to be remedied, for the blood is made rapidly and quickly, only to be lost at each menstrual period. It is here desirable rather to limit the rapidity of the blood formation, so that when the vascular turgescence of the menstrual period comes, it will not find the blood vessels too distended with blood. This will lead to diminished catamenial loss, and so the blood waste will be economised. According to the experience of Dr. Brown Séquard and Dr. Hughlings Jackson, iron does not suit epileptics. It increases the tendency to fits. It may improve the general condition, but it aggravates the epilepsy.—*Dublin Medical Press.*

COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF ONTARIO.—List of the names of persons who obtained the License of the college at the Spring Examinations in 1878:—James Adair, James Algie, Thos. H. Ashby, Allan W. Baines, Henry Bennett, William H. Bentley, J. D. Bonner, Franklin Burt, John D. Cameron, Arthur D. Campbell, Charles Kirk Clarke, George Clinton, Sandford A. Cornell, Warren Cornell, Hugh A. Craig, William A. Dafoe, Henry Anthony De Lom, William A. Doupe, Joseph Fredk. Duggan, John Dunfield, Henry Alfred Evans, D. W. Faulkner, John Munro Forbes, John B. Fraser, Sinclair Holden Glasgow, Wm. Frank G. Grant, John F. Gilmour,