

cases the dizziness was followed by sickness. The vertigo came on at no fixed time, but was generally worse in the forenoon. Among the exciting causes of an attack are mentioned the noise and whirl of the streets and the sight of a carriage. The attacks sometimes recurred during quiet or even in the dark. "Assuming the erect posture in the morning often produces it (the vertigo), so that the sufferer has again and again to return to his pillow."

Dr. Allbutt does not think the disease depends upon vascular changes, but that it is "one of the cerebellum, or of the great basal ganglia near it." Remedies addressed to the stomach as a rule do no good. He recommends complete change of scene, and removal of all causes of nervous depression, and Turkish baths. Strychnine is the only drug which he has found of much use. Leeches, blisters, purgatives, etc., do more harm than good.

SPECIALTIES.

Dr. Robert Barnes says, "I have recently been honored by a visit from a lady of typical modern intelligence, who consulted me about a fibroid tumor of the uterus; and lest I should stray beyond my business, she was careful to tell me that Dr. Brown-Sequard had charge of her nervous system; that Dr. Williams attended to her lungs; that her abdominal organs were entrusted to Sir William Gull; that Mr. Spencer Wells looked after her rectum; and that Dr. Walshe had her heart. If some adventurous doctor should determine to start a new speciality, and open an institution for the treatment of diseases of the umbilicus—the only region which, as my colleague, Mr. Simon, says is unappropriated—I think I can promise him more than one patient."—*London Lancet*.

QUININE BY THE RECTUM.

Sulphate of quinia is one of those agents which produce their proper effect through the rectum, particularly in children, in nearly the same quantity as when taken into the stomach. The *Detroit Review* remarks on this subject: "In our experience, quinine will do its work just as well when mixed with cocoa butter and pushed into the rectum, as when taken by the mouth. This can be done with less trouble and discomfort than attends the swallowing of sugar-coated pill. The doctor, patients and attendants who have once tried this method of giving quinine to children and fastidious people, will be sure to remember and practice it in similar cases. There is no way equal to this for administering narcotics when the stomach is weak or the patient unwilling to take medicine per mouth."

TREATMENT OF CHRONIC ECZEMA OF THE GENITALS.

Dr. de Montmya recommends the use of tincture of iodine in the treatment of the chronic eczema, and intertrigo of the genitals, more especially combined with the use of a lotion of one part of corrosive sublimate to 250 of water, a few drops of spirit being used to dissolve the corrosive sublimate.

FRECKLES.

For the benefit of young persons afflicted with freckles, we would inform them that powdered nitre, moistened with water, applied to the face night and morning, will soon remove all traces of them.—*Druggists Circular*.

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COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS.

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the Physicians and Surgeons of Lower Canada, was held on the 24th of September, in the rooms of the Medical Faculty of Laval University, Quebec, when the following officers and governors were present:—Dr. W. E. Scott, President, in the chair; Drs. Russell and Weilbrenner, Vice-Presidents; Drs. Tessier and Rottot, Secretaries, and Dr. Blanchet, Registrar-Treasurer; Doctors Jackson, Landry and Belleau, Quebec; Dr. Robillard, Montreal; the Hon. J. J. Ross, Ste. Anne de la Pêrade; Dr. Elz. Landry, Bécancour; Dr. Gilbert, Sherbrooke; Dr. Tetu, Rivere Ouelle; Dr. Marmette, Montmagny; Dr. P. Peltier, Matane; Dr. Dubé, Riviere du Loup (en bas), and Dr. Michaud, Kamouraska. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Dr. Tessier, one of the Secretaries, and approved. Motions of condolence were passed to the family of the late Dr. Boudreau, of Baie St. Paul, one of the governors of the Board, with instruction to the Secretaries to transmit them to the family of the deceased. Dr. Elzéar Desjardins, of Cap St. Ignace, was elected a governor of the Board for the Quebec district in the room of the late Dr. Boudreau. After the ordinary routine business and a discussion on the pharmaceutical education, the clinical lectures delivered at the University of Bishop's College, the number of unlicensed practitioners and several proposed amendments to the Act of Incorporation, the following gentlemen obtained the License of the College on presenting their respective diplomas:—*Laval University*,—Ernest Delisle, M.D., Point-aux-Trembles; Louis Gauvreau, M.D., St. Frederick, [Beace]; Evans Rochette,