

of valuable papers. Among the most valuable we may notice the following:—"On Institutions for the instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, by P. VanBuren, M.D.;" *Homœopathy Illustrated*, by T. W. Blatchford, M.D.," which is really an admirable paper, exposing the absurdities and incongruities of that pseudo-system in a most masterly manner; and from which we will extract, from time to time, portions suitable to our space. It contains also two or three Annual Addresses, and Biographical Notices of diseased members. We cannot forbear quoting the following from Dr. Blatchford's paper:—

"A Dr. Paine, a Homœopathic Practitioner, of Orange County, applied to the Supreme Court of this State, on motion for a mandamus against the Orange County Medical Society, requiring them to admit him as a member. The decision of the Court is thus reported:—

"In the case before us, it is fully in proof by professional witnesses, men who understand the subject, that Dr. Paine is practically a quack in his profession. This implies gross ignorance, or gross misconduct, or both. We see that, if admitted, he should be expelled by the Judges of the County Court; and in the exercise of a proper discretion upon such proof, if on no other ground, we ought not to interfere. Motion denied.—1 *Hill*, p. 665 *et seq.*

"This Court will not grant a mandamus to compel a County Medical Society to admit one as a member, when it clearly appears, that, if admitted, he would be immediately liable to expulsion for gross ignorance or misconduct."

ART. VI.—*The Upper Canada Journal of Medical, Surgical and Physical Science*. Toronto: A. F. PLEES. Demy 8vo., pp. 44.

We have received the first number of this our new contemporary and aspirant to the professional patronage of the Province. It is printed and published with the neatness which characterizes the office from which it is issued. Its low price (10s. per annum) of subscription has induced us to make inquiry into the

amount of reading matter which it contains; and we find that it is only nominally, not really, lower in price than the *British American Journal*, as the latter contains more than one-fourth more reading matter than the former, and is consequently the cheaper periodical. The contributors to this number are Drs. Bethune, Hodder, O'Brien, Hallowell, Bovill, and Melville.

We would have been better pleased with our new contemporary had it exhibited more general and less sectional feeling in its prospectus and its leading editorial. But, nevertheless, we cordially welcome it as a labourer in a part of the field in which we have worked alone for so many years; and while desiring for it that success which its most ardent admirers can hope to realize, we will most cheerfully reciprocate its favours.

PRACTICE OF MEDICINE.

On the Eclampsia of Children. By Dr. OZANAM.—Dr. Ozanam terminates an elaborate paper upon this subject, with the following conclusions:—1. Eclampsia is quite a distinct disease from all other convulsive affections, and especially sympathetic convulsions. 2. It is characterised by chronic convulsions, coming on suddenly, in a greater or less number of paroxysms, from two to ten minutes in duration, followed by coma without stertor, and a tonic contraction of the limbs. 3. A burning heat of skin, and distension of the abdomen, almost always accompany eclampsia, and serve to distinguish it. 4. When in a child, who seems well, the pulse becomes suddenly, and without apparent cause, very rapid, an attack of eclampsia is imminent, especially if the belly be distended and the skin hot. 5. A persistence of frequency of the pulse after the subsidence of a paroxysm, indicates its quick repetition, while, when the pulse becomes natural it is a sign of complete cessation. 6. A coma of several hours duration, supervening on a paroxysm, announces the existence of serous effusions in the ventricles. 7. The respiration in this affection is doubly pathognomonic. During the convulsive period it