

the course of treatment to be pursued. About half-a-dozen were forwarded, and as the result has been so eminently successful, they are now all to get substantial government appointments. One is to be made a taotai, or intendant of circuit, upon the first vacancy ; another a prefect ; another a district magistrate, and so on. Suppose, after the recovery of the Prince of Wales, Sir William Jenner had been made a county court judge, and Sir William Gull a stipendiary magistrate, we should have a somewhat analogous case in England.—*Brit. Med. Journal*.

ÆSTHETICS AND CATHARTICS.—Bunthorne, the “fleshy poet,” in the new opera, “Patience,” gives the following as a “wild, weird, fleshy thing, yet very yearning, very precious. To understand it, cling passionately to one another and think of faint lilies ”:—

What time the poet hath hymned
The writhing maid, lithe limbed,
Quivering on amaranthine asphodel,
How can he paint her woes,
Knowing, as well he knows,
That all can be set right with calomel ?

When from the poet's plinth
The amorous colocynth
Yearns for the aloe, faint with rapturous thrills,
How can he hymn their throes,
Knowing, as well he knows,
That they are only uncompounded pills ?

It is, and can it be
Nature hath its decree.
“Nothing poetic in the world shall dwell ?”
Or that, in all her works
Something poetic lurks,
Even in colocynth and calomel ?
I cannot tell.

—Heister, in his system of Surgery, whilst describing imperforate vagina, tells the following amusing story : “ We have a merry recollection of a girl that was imperforated after this manner, who, when she became sensible that she could not be debauched by any one, enlisted a great many to her service, particularly