

with fixed or positive religious ideas. 5. A general and practical education should be imparted. 6. There should be definite instruction in sanitary laws.

THE STATUS OF COCAINE IN SURGERY.—By John A. Wyeth, M. D., Professor of Surgery at the New York Polyclinic and Hospital, &c.

A RATIONAL BRACE FOR THE TREATMENT OF CARIES OF THE VERTEBRÆ (POTT'S DISEASE).—By Charles F. Stillman, M. Sc., M. D.

A LECTURE ON SEXUAL PERVERSION, SATYRIASIS AND NYMPHOMANIA; REMARKS ON HYPERTROPHY AND ATROPHY OF TISSUE; THE LOCAL TREATMENT OF SYPHILITIC PHENOMENA.—By G. Frank Lydston, M. D., Chicago. Three pamphlets of considerable interest.

Notes and Comments.

THE discovery and announcement of new drugs still continue. Among late arrivals are the bark of the *Naregamia alata* which has expectorant powers and is said to be of special benefit in pulmonary catarrh and emphysema, &c.; *Hypnal*, (different from Hypnot) a new hypnotic; *Puerbotano*, (Calliandra Houstoni) a Cinchona substitute; *Aristol*, which promises to be useful in dermatological affections.

A virulent type of diphtheria has been present in Halifax during the last three or four months. The disease is still prevalent. Along with the severe cases there are some very mild ones. It is astonishing how many people will cling to the self persuasion that their child has a cold or a "quinsy sore throat;" even though the throat gets worse and worse before their eyes and ultimately the child very much choked, they will still delay sending for a doctor which they should do early, if only to make sure. The result is a greater mortality and poorer statistics of treatment than would be the case if the doctor were called early, instead of, as not seldom, to confirm to the parents the fact of approaching death.

THE following additions have been made to the Faculty of the New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital:—Charles B. Kelsey, M. D., Professor of Rectal Diseases; Charles H. Knight, M. D., Professor of Laryngology and Rhinology; Reynold W. Wilcox, M. D., Professor of Clinical Medicine; Dr. S. Lustgarten, formerly Privat Doctent in Vienna University, Instructor in Syphilis and Dermatology.

THE Halifax Medical College closed a successful session on April 10th. Most of the candidates for examination submitted themselves for the final and primary examinations at Dalhousie University. Owing to the interruption in the teaching of the first classes which took place two years ago, only one candidate, Mr. H. V. Kent, presented himself for the final examination which he successfully passed. The degrees of M. D., C. M., were subsequently conferred upon Mr. Kent at the Dalhousie convocation.

In the primary subjects the following gentlemen passed:

Anatomy.—Messrs Kent, Johnson, Hamilton, McCharles, Grant and Purcell (the last named also in Histology).

Physiology (including *Histology*).—Messrs. Johnson, Hamilton, Grant and Woodworth.

Materia Medica.—Messrs. Grant, Johnson, Hamilton, McCharles, Woodworth.

Chemistry.—Messrs. Johnson, Grant, Hamilton, McCharles, Woodworth.

A number of gentlemen whose names we have not at hand passed in Botany and Practical Chemistry.

MR. GUY CARLTON JONES, M. R. C. S., passed the final examination at the Halifax Medical College and was duly granted the degrees of M. D., C. M.

MR. G. N. DRYSDALE won the silver class medal in Physiology, this medal being offered for competition among the first year's men.

THE idea of opening the session a month earlier, (*i. e.*, about Sept. 25th) was abandoned and the next session will open as usual in the latter part of October.

DR. PAGE of Truro, examiner in medicine for Dalhousie University, was in town for a day or two. Dr. Stewart, co-examiner in surgery, was unable to be present.

Personal.

DR. F. U. ANDERSON has returned from his trip to Europe. We shall be glad if he has something to tell our readers of what he saw.

DR. ROSS, of Halifax, has our congratulations upon completing his course and obtaining his degree, that of M. D. Univ. McGill.

DR. H. V. PEARMAN, late junior house surgeon at the Victoria General Hospital, Halifax, has gone to London to take advantage of the clinical opportunities of that city.

COLCHESTER COUNTY, N. S., has gained the services of the following medical gentlemen, both of whom have been educated in New York:—Dr. Smith L. Walker, who has settled in Truro; and Dr. M. O. Dickens, who has located in Folly Village.

DR. W. S. MUIR, of Truro, has been nominated by the President of the Canadian Medical Association as the reader of the address on *Materia Medica* and *Therapeutics* at the next meeting of the Association, which will be held in Toronto in September.

DR. JACQUES, till recently senior house surgeon to the Victoria General Hospital, has been appointed superintendent of that institution. It is understood that Dr. Jacques' duties are not such as to interfere with the usual functions of the visiting physicians and surgeons.

Nova Scotia Medical Society.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING.

July 2nd and 3rd, 1890.

The Twenty-Second Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Medical Society, will be held at Granville Ferry, Annapolis County, on Wednesday and Thursday, July 2nd and 3rd. All desirous of reading papers or presenting cases, are requested to notify the Secretary of such papers or cases on or before the first of June next.

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