

missions into the hospitals, for the reception of infectious cases, are increasing in number. In the East-end the spread of the disease has necessitated the adoption of special precautionary measures, and Dr. O'Connor, the medical superintendent of St. George-in-the-East Infirmary, has suspended the usual visiting privilege to patients' friends during the small-pox epidemic.

**THE BRITISH MEDICAL BILL.**—The London *Lancet* of June 14th states that the Government are determined to press the Medical Bill. It has twice passed the House of Lords and is expected to be up for a second reading in the House of Commons in a few weeks. Nothing but the most serious political complications can justify any further delay. The profession is anxious to have the bill become law at an early date and there is every prospect of its being carried through before the adjournment.

**A JUST VINDICATION.**—Dr. D. McLean, of Detroit, Prof. of Surgery Ann Arbor Medical College, has been elected President of the Michigan State Medical Association. This is a most gratifying triumph for that gentleman, not only as showing the confidence and esteem of his confrères, but also as a vindication of the verdict of the jury in the outrageous libel upon his character made by the *Detroit News* a short time ago. We congratulate the Dr. on the result.

**IODINE PREPARATIONS AND QUININE.**—Rabuteau, in a communication to the *Société de Biologie*, (*Deut. Med. Zeitung*) calls attention to the occurrence of disagreeable symptoms in the digestive organs and nervous system from the combined administration of iodide of potassium and sulphate of quinine. He insists that twenty-four hours should elapse between the administration of an iodide and the quinine. He also warns against the use of quinine during the menstrual period, as it sometimes gives rise to severe symptoms.

**PERSONAL.**—We have much pleasure in learning that T. S. Covernton, M.D., son of Prof. C. W. Covernton, M.D., of Trinity Medical School, has obtained the License of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Edinburgh, after a stringent examination,—a fact which we may readily believe, since the proportion of the “plucked” has reached

50 per cent. of the candidates. This should serve as an adequate refutation of the puerile insinuations against the Scottish Universities, made by certain magniloquents in this Province.

**APPOINTMENTS.**—Dr. G. A. Bingham has been appointed Assistant Demonstrator of Anatomy in Trinity Medical College, Toronto. Dr. W. Henderson has been appointed Demonstrator of Anatomy in the Kingston Medical College. Dr. W. J. Young has been appointed Assistant Surgeon Huron Battalion of Infantry, *vice* Dr. Gouinlock, resigned. Dr. J. W. McLaughlin has been appointed Assistant Surgeon West Durham Battalion of Infantry, *vice* Dr. Bryson. Dr. Harris has been appointed Medical Health Officer for the City of Brantford.

**LACTOPEPTINE.**—This well-known remedy is constantly gaining in favour with the profession in the treatment of bowel complaints in children, especially in cholera infantum. Our own experience in its use in the latter affection, leads us to bring it again under the notice of the profession at this season of the year. It may be combined with bismuth, calomel, ipecac, or any other agent that may be indicated. It aids digestion, controls the action of the bowels, modifies the secretions promptly, and produces no disagreeable after effects.

**A NEW TRUSS.**—We have been shown a new truss recently introduced by Messrs. Toms & Co., of this city. It is what is called a belt truss, which may be adapted to any form of hernia. The pad is fitted with a V shaped spring, which it is claimed secures upward and inward pressure, varied by adjustable springs. Surgeons who have tested the truss in their practice, state that the results have been highly gratifying and satisfactory.

**CEREVISIÆ IN OBSTRUCTION OF THE BOWELS.**—A correspondent writes to say that a case of obstruction of the bowels lasting twelve days, in a child four years of age, was ultimately relieved by the use of *cerevisiæ fermentum* (beer yeast). Whether this was a case of *post hoc* or *propter hoc* it is of course impossible to say, but the issue was no doubt satisfactory.

**CIDER AND STONE IN THE BLADDER.**—The Paris correspondent of the *London Lancet* states