

GUARANA.—Dr. Ritchie, surgeon in the English navy, says: "It is held to be stomachic and an antifebrile, and is used in Dysentery, Diarrhoea, Retention of Urine, etc. It stimulates and at the same time soothes the gastric system of nerves. It is indicated in fever, reduced vital powers, in grief, depression of spirits, colic, flatulence, *anorexia*, nervous hemicrania." Severe cases of neuralgia, and diarrhoea with pain, have been most gratefully relieved. Affecting directly the *mucous membrane*, its application is very general and presents large expectations.

PERSONAL.—Dr. Hodder, the Dean of the Medical Department of Trinity College, who has been in England during the summer, will be here on the 15th inst. His friends will be glad to know that he is in excellent health and spirits. Dr. Bethune, of Toronto, who has been on a visit to his friends in Edinburgh, is also expected home in a few days.

OPENING FOR A MEDICAL MAN.—There is a good opening for a medical man in Haysville, Co. Waterloo.

Dr. C. J. B. Williams has been appointed surgeon extraordinary to the Queen.

CHLOROFORM IN STRYCHNINE POISONING.—(*The New York Medical Record*, July 1, 1874).—A man took five grains of strychnine with a suicidal intent. He was given twenty grains of the sulphate of zinc, which produced vomiting. Convulsions had occurred repeatedly, however, and he was seized with one of tetanic form at the time of coming under observation. Every muscle was rigid, and tetanus was complete. Opisthotonos, irregularity of the pulse, varying from 120 to 140 in the minute, with all the accompanying symptoms, were noticeable.

He was immediately placed under the influence of chloroform. The convulsions ceased from the commencement of the anæsthesia, under which the patient was fully kept for three hours. The chloroform was then removed, but the patient did not awake until six hours afterwards,—a case of recovery.—*Medical Examiner*.

DIED.

At Haysville, on the 31st of August, Dr. Maurice M. O'Connor, after a short illness.

At Streetsville, on the 2nd of September, Dr. Crombie, from the effects of nitric acid, taken by mistake.

In Quebec, on the 31st Sept., Dr. Moffatt, in the 57th year of his age, after a few hour's illness.

At Drayton, on the 11th ult., of typhoid fever, Harry Edmunds, undergraduate of Trinity College medical department, Toronto.

At Flora, on the 22nd August, Campell and Hugh, twin sons of Dr. Paget, aged ten months.

In this city, on the 10th of September, of puerperal fever, Octavia Percil Bernard, wife of Dr. Hostetter.

At Berlin, on the 25th ult., of consumption, Dr. Pipe, in the 39th year of his age.

Book Notices.

THE COMPLETE HANDBOOK ON OBSTETRIC SURGERY—Or Short Notes of Practice in every emergency—With numerous Illustrations, by Charles Clay, M.D., late Senior Surgeon and Lecturer on Midwifery, St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester, England, &c. &c. From the third London Edition, Philadelphia: Lindsay & Blakiston. Toronto: Hart & Rawlinson; pp. 328: Price \$2.00.

This is a very full and complete handbook on operative midwifery. The first chapter is devoted to the use of chloroform in obstetric practice. The remaining subjects treated of are taken up in alphabetical order, viz.: abortion, ante-flexion, ascites, ballottement, bandages, bladder, blunt-hook applications, cæsarian section, calculus, cephalo-tripsy, club-foot, &c., to vectis and version. Thus doing away in great measure with the necessity for an index. Scarcely anything of importance has been omitted. The author describes upwards of one hundred and eighty operations, from the simplest to the most difficult, with a fulness and completeness of detail that is truly wonderful in a work so condensed. The work will be found very useful, especially for young practitioners, to carry with them in their pockets to the bedside of the patient. It is not intended to take the place of larger works, but merely to aid or supplement them. It is very concise and convenient for ready reference in any and every emergency in obstetric practice. We cannot commend it too highly.

ESSAY ON CONSERVATIVE MEDICINE AND KINDRED TOPICS, by Austin Flint, Sr., M.D., New York. Philadelphia: H. C. Lea. Toronto: Hart & Rawlinson.

AN ACCOUNT OF CERTAIN ORGANISMS OCCURRING IN THE LIQUOR SANGUINIS, by Wm. Osler, M.D.