

DR. MATTHEWS DUNCAN.—It is now, we understand, definitely settled that Dr. Matthews Duncan will leave Edinburgh and settle in London, having been elected to the office of Obstetric Physician at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, on the resignation of Dr. Greenhalgh. There is in all circles in Edinburgh a general feeling of regret at losing one who has for long held a leading position in the medical profession there, and whose advice on matters of public business was much sought and highly valued, as being that of a clear-headed, thorough-going, and independent man.

IN ANAL FISSURE.—Trousseau recommended both the tincture and extract of rhatanny in fissure of the anus, a drachm of each in five ounces of water, by enema. In prescribing the remedies glycerine will be found a convenient excipient; as,

R. Tinct. krameriae..... 3j;  
Ext. krameriae ..... 3j;  
Glycerinæ ..... ʒiij. M.

S. A tablespoonful in a tumblerful of water by injection.

MIXTURE FOR MIGRAINE (Megrim).—Delieux.

Squeeze the juice of one lemon into a cup of black coffee and drink at once, to allay the hemicrania in its course, or to dissipate it at its inception. Perhaps the citric acid acts in this case by setting free the caffeine, or by forming a salt with it. Reveil had already found that 100 grammes of lemon juice, taken in a single dose, succeeded in relieving megrim.—*L Union Medicale*.

COATED PILLS.—Pills have a verbal as well as a material coating. Mr. G. H. Wright, of Southwark, writing in a recent number of the *Pharmaceutical Journal*, gives the following list of popular names for purgative pills, used in his locality: Wake-me-ups, rattlers, eye-openers, scavengers, early risers, castor oil pills, excavators, five o'clockers, fly-away jacks, and imperial pills.—*British Medical Journal*.

Dr. Cleland, of Galway, has been appointed to the chair of anatomy in Glasgow University.

## TREATMENT OF GONORRHEAL ORCHITIS BY IODOFORM OINTMENT.

Dr. Julian Alvarez, of Palma, gives the following as his conclusions.—1. Iodoform, better than any other agent, eases the pain of orchitis: this result is reached in two hours. 2. Iodoform has a very marked resolvent action, and has the advantage over mercury that it is not apt to salivate. 3. Iodoform notably shortens the duration of orchitis, and hinders the subsequent induration. 4. An ointment of the strength of from fifteen to thirty grains of iodoform to an ounce of lard should be used.—*Le Bourdeaux Medical*.

TINCTURE OF NUX VOMICA FOR VOMITING OF PREGNANCY.—Dr. Q. C. Smith, of Cloverdale, Cal., in the *Pacific Medical and Surgical Journal*, recommends the following:—R. Tinct. Nucis Vom., Liq. Bismuth, of each half oz. M. Sig. A teaspoonful three or four times a day after each meal. He has also found granulas effervescent citrate of bismuth, pepsin, and strychnia useful.

The Queen has made a donation of £250 to the Red Cross Society's funds for the relief of sick and wounded of both armies in the East.

M. Gueneau de Mussy's method of administering salicylic acid is to dissolve it in a syrup of gum by the aid of ten times its weight of brandy, and adding to it a little lemon juice.

The Anæsthetic Committee appointed at the Manchester meeting of the British Medical Association have commenced their work. An interesting report may be looked for.

Prof. C. A. Wunderlich died at Leipzig, on Sept. 25th, aged 62.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

In Montreal, on the 3rd inst., at St. George's church, by the Very Rev. Dean Bond, Kennet W. Blackwell, of Belleville, to Fanny Coates, youngest daughter of R. T. Godfrey, M.D.

On the 16th inst., the wife of Dr. Temple, of a daughter.

In Guelph, on the 9th inst., the wife of Dr. McGregor, of a daughter.

At 25 Bay street north, Hamilton, on the 5th Oct., the wife of Charles F. A. Locke, Esq., M.D., of a daughter.