

of muscular exercise her frame becomes slighter and her pelvis narrower, but *pari passu* the educational requirements of the present day lead to an undue development of the cerebrum, with a corresponding increase in the size of the head. Our cleverest mathematicians have not yet solved the problem of allowing a large head to go through a small pelvis, and although the disproportion has not yet attained such dimensions as to render further procreation an impossibility, the tendency has had for effect to render labour a pain instead of being a pleasure—as we are assured it is with Hottentot women and the lower animals. Doubtless some folk will seek to saddle the School Board with a share of the responsibility, but this share of the blame must be potential rather than real, seeing that its influence has, as yet, hardly had time to make itself felt on mankind to this extent.

TUBERCULAR PERITONITIS.—Dr. Wm. Osler has arrived at the following conclusions regarding this disease :—

1. Tubercular peritonitis is often a latent affection, localized in the peritoneum, and may even run its course without inducing special symptoms.
2. As in other local tubercular processes, there is in this a natural tendency to healing, which takes place more frequently than has hitherto been supposed.
3. Statistical evidence shows laparotomy to be in many cases a palliative, and in a certain number, a curative measure.

PHENACETIN IN TYPHOID FEVER.—Dr. Sommer has used phenacetin (*Lancet*) with great success in the treatment of typhoid fever, thus confirming the favorable views of its action which have been expressed by Masius and others. The dose employed for adults was four grains, which was repeated from two to four times during the twenty-four hours. Children were given only half this dose. No less than sixty cases were treated in this way, with but one fatal case, about which it is noted that the patient was not subjected to phenacetin treatment until three weeks from the commencement of the attack. In no case were there any serious complications.

MEDICAL EDUCATION IN HOMŒOPATHIC COLLEGES.—The Collegiate Committee of the Ameri-

can Institute of Homœopathy, recently held at Waukesha, Wis., recommended that a four years' course of study be compulsory for all students entering college after the session of 1891-92. The Institute voted that this should be the course in each of the thirteen colleges of the Homœopathic school.

JOHN MUIR, M.D., Member College Physicians and Surgeons, Ontario, Canada, Ex-Vice-President Ontario Medical Council, says: "I take pleasure in saying that I have found Papine (Battle) prompt, efficacious, and—better still—unobjectionable as to after effects. A patient, more than usually intolerant of other preparations of opium, has borne it well, and derived manifest benefit from its use."

FOR LEUCORRŒA AND BLENNORRŒA IN WOMEN. (Lutaud.)—*Jour. de Med. de Paris.*

R.—Creolin, gtt. xxx.
Ext. fluid hydr. canad., fl ʒ ijss.

Sig.—Two teaspoonfuls in a pint of warm water to be used at one injection.

As a urethral injection the following formula is used :

R.—Extr. fluid hydrast. canad., gtt. xxx.
Creolin, - - - - - gtt. x.
Aqua, - - - - - fl. ʒ viii.

Sig.—Use pure as a urethral injection.

BALSAMS are usually supposed to cause irritation of the urinary organs, when given in large quantities. Stockman (*Brit. Med. Jour.*) has made some investigations concerning balsam of Peru, storax, benzoin, and tolu. As a result, he considers it proved that all these can be given in as large doses as are ever desirable, without any risk of producing albuminuria or nephritis. They never cause enough irritation to injure the healthy kidney, although they may irritate one already diseased. In some cases, a resinous body from the balsams has been mistaken for albumen.

FOR EAR-ACHE.—The *Med. Brief* says : take five parts of camphorated chloral, thirty parts of glycerine, and ten parts of oil of sweet almonds. A piece of cotton is saturated and introduced well into the ear, and it is also rubbed behind the ear. The pain is relieved as if by magic, and if there is inflammation it often subsides quickly.