

elements from the control of the nerve fibres regulating their life processes.

In connection with this paper, and particularly with the suggestion above, I think the following facts to be worthy of notice.

In the year 1884, Dr. A. B. McCallum, then Fellow in Biology, Toronto University, while working on the problem of nerve terminations in epithelium, was induced to experiment with cancerous growths from human beings, more especially with squamous-celled epitheliomata. As proven by specimens now in his possession, he was then successful in tracing the ultimate nerve fibrils to a termination within separate cells, and even to the nuclei of cells. His work in tracing out the terminations of nerves in the proper cells of the liver was also quite conclusive.

At the meeting of the Ontario Medical Association, in June 1888, Dr. Hugh McCallum, brother of Dr. A. B. McCallum, read a short paper in retrospect of work done, and advances made in physiology for the past year. Amongst other facts he mentioned the discovery of nerve terminations in epithelial cells by his brother, and he said that from this, we might possibly arrive at the causation of cancer, suggesting that the dislocation of nerve terminals from their connection with epithelial cells, might have something to do with the epithelial overgrowth of the carcinomata.

JOHN CAVEN.

Personal.

THE name of Dr. Price Brown, of Toronto, was inadvertently omitted from our list of the contributors to THE PRACTITIONER for the year 1889, as published in our last issue.

WE are much pleased to know that Dr. T. J. W. Burgess has been appointed medical superintendent of the new Protestant Insane Asylum, of Montreal. Dr. Burgess has been well known as one of the most able and worthy physicians of Ontario. He graduated at the University of Toronto, in 1870, when he was awarded the Starr gold medal, and the University silver medal. After spending three years as surgeon to her Majesty's North American Boundary Commission, he commenced work in an asylum

for insane, as assistant to Dr. Workman, of Toronto. During the last few years he has been in the Hamilton asylum. His many friends will wish him success in his new sphere in Montreal.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

MARRIAGES.

JANSON—ROGERS—At the residence of the bride's father, 107 Avenue Road, Toronto, on the 26th inst., after the Order of the Society of Friends, Dr. Wm. Ianson, of Ottawa, to Sarah R., daughter of Samuel and Achsah Rogers.

SISLEY—MCMILLAN—On Christmas day, at St. James' Square Presbyterian church, by Rev. Dr. Kellogg, O. Sisley, M.D., of Ellesmere (and formerly of Toronto), to Miss Sadie McMillan, of this city.

DEATHS.

HUNTER.—At Ogden, Utah Territory, Dr. J. B. Hunter, of Detroit, on December 31st, youngest son of the late James Hunter, of Saint George, and brother of Doctor John Hunter, Dovercourt road, Toronto.

Obituary.

DR. HORACE P. YEOMANS.

It was a great shock to the many friends of Dr. H. P. Yeomans to hear of his death at his home in Mount Forest, December 22nd, at the age of 49. On the evening of the 19th he was seized with apoplexy, and was never conscious afterwards. He was a graduate in arts and medicine of the University of Queen's College, taking the degree of M.D. in 1863. He was a man of more than ordinary ability, education, and culture, and was highly respected by the profession generally, and greatly loved by those who knew him intimately. He was a member of the Provincial Board of Health since its formation seven years ago.

At Nordhausen, in Prussian Saxony, the municipal authorities, at the suggestion of the district medical officer, require barbers and hairdressers to disinfect their instruments each time they have been used.