

expressed. Possessing, as he does, in himself the attainments, so rarely met with, that are necessary to adorn a popular lecturer, and render his teachings attractive. And having the additional recommendation, as we have been informed, of having already delivered courses of lectures on physiology with great success. We hope we shall next have to chronicle the due installment of the deserving Dr. in his professional chair.

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*Quarterly Summary of the Transactions of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia.* From April 2 to June 4, 1856, inclusive.—We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of this interesting document. It forms No. 1 of Vol. III., of a new series. The major portion is taken up with a very full memoir of Moréton Stille, M.D., that was read at the stated meeting, 2nd April, by Dr. Hollingsworth. And the conclusion is found a remarkable case of protracted sleep, the report of which extends over several pages.

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*Prescott Mineral Water.*—Several Mineral Springs have been lately discovered near the Junction of the Grand Trunk and Ottawa Railroads, Prescott. One of these has been chemically analysed by Dr. R. W. Evans of Prescott, who found the water to contain a large quantity of sulphuretted hydrogen gas, chloride of sodium, potassium, and a trace of iron and magnesium. The Dr. considers this water would be useful “in rheumatism, dyspepsia, hypochondriasis, torpor of the intestines, consumption, constipation of the bowels, and visceral obstructions and scrofulous affections; also in cutaneous diseases, if applied in the form of a water bath.” We hope his patients will not prefer it to his medicines.

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*Coroner's Inquests in California.*—The *True Californian* newspaper says:—“We are informed upon reliable authority, that the Vigilance Committee, in their investigation into the case of Thomas B. Cunningham, have elicited satisfactory evidence that he was in the habit, while connected with the office of Coroner in this County, of disintering the bodies of persons who had been buried, for the purpose of dropping them in the docks, and thus receiving the fees attending an inquest. In this way, it is said, one body has been made to do service three or four times—or as long as it would hold together. This accounts in part for the great number of bodies that, but a little while ago, were constantly found under the wharves.”