

The Chicago Tribune states that the number of physicians in that city, at the close of the year 1863, was three hundred and thirty two; being about one to every five hundred of the inhabitants. *Chicago Med. Journal.*

To the Editor of the CANADA LANCET.

SIR: I should like to ask through your columns, whether a medical man (although he be a Professor in M'Gill College), is justified in meeting in consultation an unlicensed practitioner, as was done a few days ago; and whether such conduct is according to medical ethics. Yours,

A STUDENT.

Montreal, April 14th, 1864.

### To Correspondents.

J. L. B.—Diphtheritic paralysis shall not be forgotten. *Punderston's Condition Powders* (from p. 16).—Yes, the saltpetre has been omitted; the receipt should have been:—Foungreek 16 oz.; sulphur, 16 oz.; nitre 8 oz.; sal. ammoniac 4 oz.; blk. sulphuret antim. 4 oz.; common salt, 2 oz. Powder coarsely and mix. For horses. Dose, a tablespoonful three times a day.

*Soothing or Cooling Powders.*—Pulv. nitrate potash 10 grs.; tartarized antimony ½ gr.; calomel, ½ gr.; white sugar, 10 grs. Mix and divide into 4 powder.

*Doses.*—For children of four years of age, one powder. Those of two years, half a powder. And those of one year, a third of a powder.

Children of seven years may take two powders at once. And grown persons require four of them for a dose.

They should be given in a little preserves or syrup, every night, for three or four nights; but in severe cases may be repeated as often as every two or three hours until relief is obtained. The feet should be previously bathed in warm water, and perspiration be encouraged, otherwise they will not act on the skin as desired.

Should the bowels still remain constive after several doses have been given, it would be well to follow them with a dose of castor oil.

These powders prove useful in relieving the feverish symptoms to which children are so subject on cutting teeth, or when troubled with worms. They are also recommended for colds, difficulty of breathing, wheezing, tendency to croup, &c., and should be administered as soon as possible after the appearance of the symptoms. In cases of croup, the child should at once be placed in a warm bath, and a double dose of the powder be given every half hour until relief is obtained.

*Pills of Bontius.*—M. Ch. Farrot, an able dispensing chemist of Paris, gives the following formula for the preparation of these celebrated pills:—

Aloes, gamboge, gum ammoniac, of each half an ounce; alcohol 6 oz. Digest the powdered gums in a water bath for 20 minutes, with 3 oz. of the alcohol, and having poured it off exhaust the residue left, with the remainder of the spirits. And having allowed the tincture to cool, filter and evaporate to a soft mass; then divide into four grains pills.

The Medical Circular in speaking of them says:—We have found them most useful in removing the distressing constipation which frequently accompanies uterine disease, and likewise in dyspepsia. We have also prescribed them with benefit in combination with chalybeates in chlorosis, amenorrhoea, and other affections. And concludes by saying that their action never occasions pain.

*Sugar-coated Pills.*—The pills are put into a hemispherical pan, slightly warmed, and a small quantity of a solution of one part of gum-arabic to two parts of water, are added, so as to moisten the surface of the dried pills; some very finely powdered sugar is then sprinkled over them, when by moving the pan they soon become evenly covered, and are to be allowed to harden in a warm room, when the process may be repeated if desired.—*Chemist and Druggist.*

Medical Works published in Great Britain from the 1st March to the 1st April, 1864, with their sizes, numbers of pages, publishers' names, and prices in sterling.

Brodie (Sir Benjamin)—Biographical Sketch of. By Henry W. Ackland. Post 8vo., pp. 30, 2s. (Longman.)

Gairdner (John)—Sketch of the early History of the Medical Profession in Edinburgh. 8vo., pp. 23, 6d. (Simpkin.)

Scott (H. T.)—Tubercular Consumption; or Pulmonary Phthisis. 18mo., pp. 72, 1s. (Simpkin.)

Syme (James)—Excision of the Scapula. 8vo., pp. 34, 2s. 6d. (Hamilton.)

Annals of Military and Naval Surgery, and Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, being an Annual Retrospect, embracing

the experience of the Medical Officers of Her Majesty's Armies and Fleets in all parts of the world. Vol. 1, for the year 1863. Post 8vo., pp. 380, 7s. (Churchill.)

Breca (Paul)—On the Phenomena of Hybridity in the Genus Homo. Edited by C. Carter Blake. 8vo., pp. 132, 3s. (Longman.)

Campbell (John M.)—On Diabetes and its successful Treatment. 3rd ed., revised, with additional Notes and Observations, by James Grey Glover. 12mo., pp. 116, 3s. 6d. (Churchill.)

Dobell (Horace)—A Manual of Diet and Regimen for Physician and Patient. 12mo., pp. 36, 1s. 6d. (Churchill.)

Erichsen (John E.)—The Science and Art of Surgery, 2d ed., enlarged and carefully revised. Illustrated by 50 Engravings on Wood. 8vo., pp. 1,228, 30s. (Waltou.)

Hodges (Richard)—On the Nature, Pathology, and Treatment of Puerperal Convulsions. Post 8vo., pp. 36, 3s. (Churchill.)

Townley (James)—Parturition without Pain, or Loss of Consciousness. 11th ed., post 8vo., 2s. 6d. (Hardswick.)

Watts (Henry)—A Dictionary of Chemistry and the Allied Branches of other Sciences. 4 Vols., Vol. 2, 8vo., pp. 86, 2s. 6d. (Longman.)

### Periodicals received since 15th March.

London Medical Times to March 26th. British Medical Journal to March 26th. American Medical Times to April 9th. Boston Med. and Surg. Journal to April 7th. An Quarterly Journal of Ophthalmology, Jan. Phil. Med. and Surg. Reporter to March 16th. Cincinnati Lancet and Observer April. Chicago Medical Examiner, March. Ohio Med. and Surg. Journal, March. London Publishers' Circular to April 1st. London Chemist and Druggist, March. Am. Druggists' Circular, April.

### Books and Pamphlets received during the Month.

Laryngoscopic Medication. By Louis Elsberg, A.M., M.D. Lecturer on the Diseases of the Larynx and Throat in the University of New York. Illustrated, 8vo., pp. 38, Wood & Co., New York. From the Publishers.

Book of Specimens of Fancy Labels for Druggists. Quarto, pp. 114, Bowles & Sons, London. From J. V. Moscan, Esq.

### First year Subscriptions paid since 15th March.

Dr. J. Bigham, Warsaw; Dr. W. Tempest, Oshawa.

### Second years Subscription paid since 15th March.

Dr. L. Rousseau, St. Michel d'Yamaska; Dr. J. W. Moun Acton; Dr. E. C. Fox, Wolfe Island; Dr. A. T. Broeze; Dr. J. G. Bihand, Dr. Austin, Dr. Schmidt, and W. J. Whittfield, Esq., all of Montreal; Dr. J. N. Bettis, Brighton; Dr. P. Leclair, St. Idm, Dr. L. M. Rousseau, St. Ferdinand d'Halifax; Dr. G. A. Norris, Omemee; Dr. R. C. bett, Perrytown; Dr. A. Rogers, Eaton; Dr. J. S. Croshanks, Barrie; John Roberts, Esq., Ottawa; Dr. P. G. dieux, Sorel; Dr. A. Macdonell, Port au fort; Dr. G. Forbes, Burritt's Rapids; Dr. Courteau, St. Roch de l'Acadie; Dr. L. Clarke, Oshawa; Dr. H. Perkins, Rockwood; Erasmos; Dr. W. Marston, Quebec; Dr. R. H. Des, T. carora; Dr. A. Wyatt, Cullington; Dr. J. L. Bray, W. laceburgh; Dr. F. N. Sherif, Huntingdon; Dr. E. P. Sherbrooke; Dr. J. McMurray, Toronto; Dr. J. R. Dickson, Kingston; Dr. J. McNab, Well's River, Vt.; Dr. Carre, Esq., Strathroy; Dr. W. F. Coleman, Lynn; Dr. W. Tempest, Oshawa; Dr. J. A. Gaucher, Ste. Cecile de Millie; Dr. W. A. Black, Omemee; Dr. G. C. Aylwin, Ouslow; Dr. J. J. Loy, Valleyfield; Dr. G. O. Husband, Galt; W. Woodruff, London.

### DEATHS.

On the 24th of February last, Professor Casper, of Berlin. He was the justly celebrated author of the work on Forensic Medicine, now being issued by the Sydenham Society.

On the 19th March last, at the age of 72 years, Dr. Franklin Bache, Professor of Chemistry in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, and one of the authors of the United States Dispensatory. In him the medical profession lost one of its brightest ornaments. He was a man pre-eminently distinguished for sterling integrity, and uncompromising adherence to truth.

At Quebec on the 22nd March last, of apoplexy, at age of 64 years, Jean Zephirin Nault, Esq., M. D. was one of the Professors of Laval University since foundation; and was greatly beloved both by his country and the public.

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