

Miscellaneous.

Dr. J. Russell Reynolds, F.R.S., is gazetted Physician to the Queen's Household, in succession to the late Dr. Francis Hawkins.

Dr. David M. Young strongly recommends a teaspoonful of glycerine taken night and morning as a remedy for internal piles.

Dr. Thoulouse recommends as a vesicant a disc of fine cloth soaked in oil, and besprinkled with corrosive sublimate, in fine powder.—*Medical Press and Circular.*

PERSONAL.—We are informed that Drs. A. A. MacDonald, of Guelph, and Covernton, of Simcoe, intend shortly to remove to this city to practise.

ONTARIO MEDICAL COUNCIL.—We omitted to mention in January number that Dr. W. L. Herriman, of Port Hope, has been elected to replace Dr. Dewar, deceased, as representative of the Division of Newcastle and Trent.

CANADIANS IN ENGLAND.—R. B. Orr, M.B., Toronto, has passed the examination and received the certificate to practise of the Apothecaries Hall, London. H. L. Reddy, M.D., Montreal, has been admitted Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh.

Dr. Jaillard, of Algiers, employs the microscope for the detection of butter adulterated with animal fats such as suet. Under the microscope butter globules are round, while other fats appear in needle-shaped or branched crystals.—*New York Medical Record.*

FIVE CHILDREN AT A BIRTH.—In the *Wiener Med. Presse* an Austrian Naval Surgeon reports that a woman gave birth, prematurely (eighth month), to five children, four boys and one girl. There were five placentæ. The bodies of the children have been preserved in the Pathological Museum of the Marine Hospital at Pola.

CAMPHOR-CHLORAL.—Mr. W. T. Toucher recommends the following formula for a camphor-chloral liniment, which has a powerful anti-neuralgic application: Chloral-hydrate and camphor, of each one ounce; glycerine, to six ounces; powder the camphor, using as usual a few drops of rectified spirit; then mix with the chloral, and allow to stand in a mortar until the mixture becomes liquid. Having poured this into a bottle, add the glycerine, and shake.—*London Med. Record.*

EXPLOSION OF A CHLORATE OF POTASSIUM MIXTURE.—A correspondent of *New Remedies* reports a case of explosion in the following circumstances. The following prescription was made:

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Tinct. ferri chloridi
Glycerinæ puræ
Potassii chloratis aa ʒ ss. m.

The above was intended to be farther diluted for a gargle, being put in this compact form for convenience. The correspondent placed it in his satchel, where after a while it exploded with great violence.

MONOBROMATED CAMPHOR.—Great difficulty is often experienced in dispensing this useful remedy. According to M. Lepage, the following plan is advantageous:

Dissolve the monobromated camphor in six times its weight of almond oil by the aid of a gentle heat, emulsify the oily solution with gum arabic, and then suspend it in syrup or in water, according to the indications of the prescription. The emulsions obtained were as perfect as those with almond oil alone.

In consequence of the instability of the oil used as a solvent, the emulsion should be prepared as required: the monobromated camphor however, appears to keep without undergoing any decomposition, even after an interval of three months.

To emulsify seven grammes of the oily solution, containing one gramme of the active substance, the author employs three grammes of powdered gum arabic, suspended in double its weight of water. When the emulsion has been made, the necessary quantity of syrup or water is added in the usual manner.—*Phil. Med. Times.*