

Please recall the opposition of the clergy to the use of chloroform in 1847. *Ans.*—Sir James Simpson's discovery was denounced as impious, and contrary to holy writ. It was said that its use was "to avoid one part of the primeval curse on woman." Replying to his theological opponents, Sir James said, "They forget the 21st verse of Genesis ii. That is the record of the first surgical operation ever performed, and that text proves that the Maker of the universe before He took the rib from Adam's side for the creation of Eve, caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam."

How is Wood's fusible metal made? Bismuth 15 parts, lead 8, tin 4, cadmium 3.

Who introduced tooth picks? Probably Adam. They were commonly used in the time of the Cæsars. Martial thus ridicules an old fop who, though he had not a tooth in his head, used one.

Ad Esculanum.

Medis recumbit imus ille qui lecto,
Calvam trifilem semitactus unguento,
Foditque tonsis ora laxa lentiscis ;
Mentitur, Esculane :—non habet dentes.

When and where was the first regular dental infirmary for the poor opened in Canada? In Toronto in December, 1869, in connection with R. C. D. S., Ont.

Have any Canadian dentists been in Parliament? The late Hon. Dr. Baillargeon, of Quebec, was in the Ottawa Senate; the late Dr. A. Bernard, first President of the Dental Association of Quebec, sat for a constituency in the Local Legislature. He was also Mayor of Montreal.

1. Why is French so severe and imperative in the matriculation examination for license to practice in Quebec Province? 2. Can one attend the college without matriculation, and get credit for the time passed if he desires to graduate elsewhere? *Ans.*—1. Because French is as much a legal language of the province as English, and Quebecers legislate in the interests of Quebec first, and of the rest of the world afterwards. 2. Yes. We believe this is common in all colleges in Canada, though in order to obtain Canadian degrees the regular matriculation must be passed and registration obtained.

Is it premature to invest in the apparatus used in cataphoresis? Not if you have money to burn, or if you are fond of experimenting. At present no apparatus is satisfactory, but there is every certainty that an effectual and cheap improvement will soon be in the market.