

PAIN IN THE BLADDER OR PENIS.—A patient complains of pain in the region of the bladder or perineum. There is almost certainly chronic cystitis. Ask whether he feels the pain before, during, or after passing urine. If the pain is before, it is because the mucous membrane is becoming uneasy in consequence of distension. If the pain is during and after passing water, and in the end of the penis, he is likely to have stone; and especially also if the pain is increased by exercise. It is almost pathognomonic of stone to have the pain in the tip of the penis. Chronic prostatitis simulates stone more than any other disease. In both, the pain is at the tip of the penis.—*Braithwaite.*

TREATMENT OF CANCER ORIS.—Dr. McGreevy, in the *British Med. Jour.* says that he has never found any application so useful or so effectual in such cases as hydrochloric acid. He has never known it fail in checking the disease at once, and in bringing on a most rapid and healthy action in the part. He applies the acid to the ulcer by means of a feather or small camel-hair brush. The application does not cause much pain or suffering to the little patient, as the gangrenous spot is almost entirely without feeling at this time. If the ulcers are very numerous it would be as well to apply the acid to only a few at a time, or to use it in a diluted form as a wash or gargle.

CARBOLIC ACID AND SULPHITE OF SODA IN SMALL-POX.—An article was published some time ago by Dr. Bessy, of Montreal, bringing the above most successful plan of treatment under the notice of the profession. Since then he has had several cases all confirmatory of the beneficial action of this combination. He gives it in the proportion of one drop of carbolic acid to from 5 to 10 grs. of the sulphite in a drachm of glycerine. The carbolic acid is first dissolved in the glycerine, forming a carbolate of glycerine, and to this is added the sulphite of soda. It is deserving of a more extended trial.

NOTICE.—Gentlemen who persist in returning copies of the LANCET without enclosing their names must not complain if the journal is still continued to their address. It is impossible for us to know from whom they come unless the name is written on the copy or wrapper.

QUININE AND BLISTERS IN PNEUMONIA.—Dr. Payne in the *Southern Med. Record* recommends large blisters to the chest, and from 20 to 30 grain doses of quinine twice or thrice a day in the treatment of pneumonia when it has reached the stage of hepatization. He claims for this plan of treatment, greater success than is usually obtained by the ordinary methods. He gives a report of several very bad cases successfully treated in this way, and mentions one case that was given up by a medical friend, that made a rapid recovery after the application of the blister, and one dose of quinine.

FERRIC ALUM IN PURPURA.—Ferric alum in powder in doses of 5 to 6 grains three or four times a day has been strongly recommended in the treatment of purpura hemorrhagica. Iron has long been used in the treatment of this affection, and with as much success as any other remedy, and this combination which contains in addition, the astringent properties of alum cannot fail to be of service in this disease.

CALABAR BEAN IN TETANUS.—We have lately observed in our exchanges, several reports of cases in which Calabar bean has been successfully used in the treatment of tetanus, idiopathic and traumatic. The saturated tincture is commonly used; when by the mouth in 5 drop doses every 3 hours, and hypodermically one drop in solution every two hours. It is said by some to be the Hercules of the materia medica in trismus.

HARTSHORNE'S CHOLERA MIXTURE.—The following combination has been highly spoken of. R Chloroform, Tinct. Opii, Tinct. Camphoræ, Spt. Ammon. Arom., aa f ʒ iii, Olei Cinnam. gtt. xvi, Creosoti, gtt. vi, Spt. Vini Gallici, f ʒ ss, M. Sig. —Ten to twenty drops in a teaspoonful of ice water every five to thirty minutes, as required. Useful in the premonitory diarrhoea.

MATRICULATION EXAMINATIONS.—The following gentlemen passed successfully at the recent matriculation examination of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. The examination was held as usual in the High School before Mr. McMurchy, the principal:—Messrs H. A. Eberle, D. B. Fraser, D. Fraser, N. D. Richards, K. McWilliams, W. Tisdale, Wm. H. Howey, and R. T. McTavish.