

that the supposedly immaculate British physician has betaken himself to advertising. How hath the mighty fallen! Yet so it is. In the London *Times* of December 19th an "F.R.S." sets the ball rolling by describing how "Dr. Hughes Bennett, under whose care the patient was, guided by Ferrier's experiments, skilfully interpreted the palsies and convulsive movements which the man exhibited, and deduced from them that a small tumor was lodged at one particular point in his 'dome of thought,' and was silently and relentlessly eating its way into surrounding tissues, . . . Very brilliant diagnosis this." He goes on to tell in the same graphic and dramatic way how "Dr. Godlee, surgeon to University College Hospital," excised the said tumor.

This sets the whole profession agog apparently, for in a few days the editor of the *Times* is inundated with letters. Dr. "Charles Egerton Jennings, M.S., M.B., F.R.C.S., Eng.," tells how the Vivisection Act "has delayed his own experiments on two subjects, both of considerable importance as tending to save human life when in urgent peril," and proceeds to inform the public that "in 1883 he devised a plan" by which transfusion of blood could be performed without danger. "John H. Clarke, M.D.," also rushes into a criticism of "F.R.S." And so it goes on; and all this hung on the slender peg of a revival of the agitation against the obstacles to vivisection.

We on this side of the Atlantic cannot pretend to be without sin, in view of the highly sensational items that appear in our local papers from time to time, an even quite recently, yet if this goes much further we may feel sufficiently stainless to cast a stone or two.

MEDICAL STUDENTS ANNUAL DINNER.—The medical students of McGill Medical College, Montreal, held their annual dinner on the 4th of December. The members of the Faculty, University officials and a large number of distinguished guests were present. Delegates were also present from the medical schools of Toronto, Kingston, and Montreal. The speeches were appropriate and eloquent, the programme excellent, and the entertainment most successful.

The annual dinner of the medical students of the Kingston Medical College was held on the

11th of December, and was a most successful gathering. Representatives were present from the medical schools in Toronto and Montreal, besides a large number of graduates and friends of the college.

The second annual dinner of the students of the Medical College in Winnipeg, Man., was held on the 19th of December, and was a great success. Speech, song and sentiment were the order of the evening, and a very pleasant time was spent by all.

TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS.—Our foreign exchanges have had a good deal to say recently regarding the treatment of phthisis. R. Shingleton Smith, M.D., London (*Brit. Med. Journal*), read a paper at the meeting of the International Medical Congress at Copenhagen, in which he strongly advocated the use of iodoform in tuberculosis. He commences with small doses—one to two grains every four or five hours—and gradually increases the quantity till four to six grains and even more are given.

PELLETIERINE IN TAPE WORM.—Dr. Wilfert of Cincinnati, has been experimenting with pelletierine in the treatment of tape worm, and reports the result in the *Lancet and Clinic*, Dec. 27th. This remedy is an alkaloid obtained from pomegranate. The dose is from four to fifteen grains, and should be combined with an ounce of tincture of jalap, or the latter administered a short time afterwards. The results in Dr. Wilfert's practice have been most encouraging.

GASTROTOMY FOR EXTRA-UTERINE PREGNANCY.—In the *LANCET* for January 3rd, 1885, will be found a report of two cases of gastrotomy for extra-uterine pregnancy by Dr. James Braithwaite, of Leeds. Both patients recovered. In each case the placenta was apparently attached to the abdominal walls, and was left to slough off and escape through the lower part of the abdominal incision. This was accomplished in about three weeks.

MALTINE LABORATORY BURNED DOWN.—The laboratory of the well known firm of Reed & Carnrick was recently completely destroyed by fire, involving a heavy loss to the owners. New buildings have been secured, and the machinery for the manufacture of maltine is being rapidly put up, so that they will soon be able to fill orders for their specialties as usual. Peptonized cod-liver oil and