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#### KOCH'S REMEDY FOR TUBERCULOSIS.

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Since our last issue much of interest has occurred touching this still absorbing topic, and some important knowledge has been gained.

Two further notable communications have been made in Berlin, one by Professor Virchow, on some *Injurious effects of Kock's* method; and the other a statement by Koch himself, including a reference to the Composition of the Lymph.

Virchow's communication was in the form of a lecture, before the Berlin Medical Society. He exhibited specimens from some twenty-seven patients treated by Koch's method, who died before January 7th.

One case was that of a child with tuberculous arachnitis. Death took place after four injections, (two milligrammes altogether.) There was intense hyperaemic engorgement of the brain and pia mater, with no evident "signs of retrogressive metamorphosis of the tubercles."

In other cases "the walls of old cavities in the lungs showed unusual redness of the granulations and recent hœmorrhages. In one case hœmoptysis from an old cavity was the immediate cause of death. Virchow says there can be no doubt that in internal organs acute inflammation and active proliferation are set up by injections of the fluid. These conditions are seen particularly in the edges of tuberculous ulcers, and in neighboring lymphatic glands, especially the bron chial and mesenteric glands."

"In the larynx, even when the surfaces of the ulcers become clean, swelling of the adjoining parts may be dangerously great. He showed a recent specimen in which erysipelatous ædema of the glottis and a retro-pharyngeal phlegmon had been pro-In cases of phthisis, Virchow duced." showed the injection was sometimes followed by caseous hepatization associated with a special form of pnemonia resembling the catarrhal type, except in the character of the secretion. "The lungs in some places presented foci of softening and even cavities, the result of acute inflammation, caused by the injections of the lymph."

The most important effect observed, however, was an eruption of fresh crops of tubercles after the injections. This occurs especially in the pleura, pericardium and peritoneum."

"Virchow therefore urges the greatest caution in the use of the remedy. He points out that the result of the injections of the lymph is not constant, and he cites cases in which large masses of tubercle were entirely unaffected by injections. He also showed specimens in which perforation of the intestines had been caused by the treatment, and one case of tuberculosis of the larynx, in which fresh and extremely intense eruptions of tubercles had taken place throughout the whole extent of the larynx and trachea."

Resuming his lecture on a subsequent

evening, Virchow stated that he was not prejudiced against the remedy, but only wished to warn against its too general application.

A THIRD COMMUNICATION BY KOCH.

Koch explains that he thinks the time has come for some statements regarding the nature of the lymph.

Up to the present time he thought that the experiments were likely to be all the more important if nothing were known of the nature of the remedy.

After referring to the different phenomena following upon the inoculation, with a pure cultivation of tubercle bacilli, of healthy and tuberculous guinea pigs respectively, and stating that in the tuberculous pigs the progress of the disease was arrested, if it were not already so far advanced that the animal dies of debility; he goes on to say that his problem was to carry on outside of the body the process which takes place within the body, and, if possible, to extract and isolate the curative substance from the "This problem required tubercle bacilli. much work and time before I at last succeeded by the help of a 40 to 50 per cent. solution of glycerine in extracting the active principle from the tubercle bacilli."

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For the foregoing we are mainly indebted to the *Medical News*, (Philadelphia.)

In the British Medical Journal of January 10th, Malcolm Morris, F. R. C. S. E., and J. J. Pringle, M. B., M. R. C. P., gives detailed clinical notes of a case of lupus, treated in Berlin, by Koch's method, (under Von Bergmann.) It was a typical case of lupus; face disfigured by destruction of right side of nose, with progressive destruction of

left side, characteristic lupus nodules being present. Upper gum and anterior half of hard palate exhibited raised vascular spongy granulations, etc., etc.

Lupus nodules in scars on neck. First inoculation, November 16th, fourteenth and last, December 3rd. On December 8th, his Neck, no lupus nodules condition was: perceptible in scars in neck Nose, absolute removal of lupus nodules, and arrest of the disease have taken place upon the left side of the nose, the scar tissue left being smooth, shiny and still somewhat pink ..... Gum, slight amount of lupus present in small scattered islets, but the mass of spongy granulations has disappeared, leaving smooth, healthy looking gum. Palate, similar result to that in gum.

January 3rd, 1891, granulation on palate and guin considerably more raised, and show signs of further activity. No return of lupus on the nose.

#### THE PRESENT PROSPECTS.

Enough has occurred to show that the hopes which at first filled most minds will be only partially realized. It is probable that the sphere of utility of the remedy in its present form will be found to include only a limited proportion of all the cases of tuberculosis.

But much may be accomplished by Koch himself, and by other investigators in the way of so altering the composition of the lymph as to materially extend the sphere of its therapeutic safety and value.

#### Koch's Lymph, at the Victoria General Hospital:

REPORT OF CASES TREATED BY KOCH'S FLUID, UNDER CARE OF DR. D. A. CAMPBELL, ATTENDING PHYSICIAN.

Reported by C. A. HAMILTON and I. M. JOHNSON, Clinical Clerks. — Shortly after the publication of Dr. Koch's paper on Tuberculosis, representations were made by the Medical Board to the Hon. W. S. Fielding, Premier of Nova Scotia, requesting him to make application for a supply of the lymph. He at once interested himself in the matter, and eventually succeeded in obtaining a small supply of the precious fluid.

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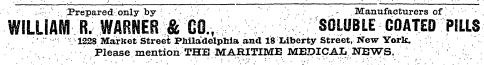
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by a number of medical men from the city and country. every facility being afforded for examining the cases and watching the reactions.

The following is a brief summary of the experiments up to date:

Case 1.—M. S., aged 28, spinster. Father and his brother died of phthisis. For several years liable to catch cold easily. Nearly two years ago had a severe attack of measles. Since then has had cough, hemoptysis, free expectoration at times. Occasionally night sweats. Physical signs indicate clearly tuberculosis, chiefly affecting upper part of left lung. Since coming to hospital she has decidedly improved.

Highest previous record of T. 100°, P. 100, R. 35.

Jan. 17th, 1st injection.—Dose .001 ccm of 1% solution. Reaction doubtful. Max. temp., 101°, P. 104, R. 34 Malaise and slight restlesness through night.

Jan. 19th, 2nd injection. — 0.002 cc. Max. T. 100°, P. 100, R. 30. Slight chills, nauscaand headache. Cough more troublesome.

Jan. 20th.—Raised a little blood while coughing. Feels somewhat weaker.

Jan. 22nd, 3rd injection. — .004 cc. During night she had pains through her limbs, headache, increased cough and sleeplesness. Max. T.  $103\frac{1}{5}^{\circ}$ , P. 140, R. 38.

Jan. 24th.—Feeling better, cough less.

Case 2. — M. McL., aged 18. Housemaid. Her mother, an uncle and two aunts died of phthisis. Had measles 7 months ago. Since then she has had cough, with scanty expectoration, and has lost strength. She is decidedly anæmic, and the menstuation is very scanty. Physical signs indicate tuberculosis of the left apex.

Highest previous T 100<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>°, P. 105, R. 33. Jan 17th.—1st injection, 0.001 cc. No reaction.

Jan. 18th.—2nd injection, 0.002 cc. Very characteristic re-action. Had chills, intense headache, vomiting and shooting pain through the limbs. Next day felt weak, but rallied quickly. No sign of local re-action. Temp. 1034, Pulse 120, Respiration 32.

Jan. 20, 3rd injection, 002 cc. No reaction.

Jan. 22nd, injected .004 cc. Most marked re-action yet obtained. Had chills, flushed face, was restless, slept very little, vomiting. Next day felt weak but pretty well.

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-	6 p.m.	100	95	30
	9 p.m.	104	125	33
	12 p.m.	105	125	34
January 23rd.	3 a.m.	1041	132	38
	6 a.m.	104 <del>]</del>	138	36
	9 a.m.	102	110	28
	12 a.m.	101	110	$26^{\circ}$
	3 p.m.	100	100	26
	6 p.m.	100.7	100	25
	9 p.m.	100.2	88	- 25
	12 p.m.	99.1	80	25
	3 a.m.	98	76	24
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Feeling very well.

Case 3. — A. L., aged 25, Brakeman. Father, three brothers and two sisters died of phthisis. Present illness dates from an attack of measles, nine months ago, which was followed by thrombosis of left femoral vein. Has lost 24 pounds in weight. Physical signs well marked. Highest previous Temp. 991, Pulse 80, Resp. 35.

Jan 17th. -1st injection, 0.001 cc. Well marked reaction. Highest temp. 102<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, pulse 95, resp. 32.

Jan. 19th.—2nd injection, 0.001 cc. No reaction.

Jan. 20th.—3rd injection, 0.002 cc. Slight reaction. Highest temp. 101°, pulse 85, respiration 25.

Jan. 22nd. — 4th injection, 0.004 cc. Decided reaction. Cough and expectoration increased. Highest temp. 102°, pulse 82, respiration 24.

Jan. 24th. — Expresses himself feeling better. Temperature about 99° since 22nd.

Case 4.—F. C., aged 27. Gives history of hereditary tendency. Has had cough with expectoration for three years. Has lost flesh and strength, but is generally able to be about. Physical signs well marked. Highest previous record of T. 100°, P. 100, R. 33.

Jan. 18th.—1st injection, 0.001 cc. Reaction decided in character. Chills, headache and vomiting. Max. T.  $102\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ , P. 112, R. 41.

Jan. 20th. -2nd injection, 0.001 cc. Reaction slight. Headache and vomiting. Max. T. 1003<sup>b</sup>, P. 112, R. 35. Cough is more frequent and expectoration has increased.

Jan. 22nd. — 3rd injection, 0.003 cc. Chills, head felt big and heavy, face intensely flushed, vomiting, slept little, a little bleeding from nose. Max. T. 103°, P. 120, R. 37.

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Jan. 24th.—Feels better. Temperature nearly normal. Cough has increased.

Case 5.—A. McC., aged 21, laborer. A brother and sister died of phthisis. Has been in hospital two months getting steadily worse. Three months before was seized with haemoptysis, which was followed by cough, free expectoration and night sweats. Has lost flesh rapidly. Physical signs indicate tuberculosis affecting both lungs. Two days before injection had a severe attack of bleeding from lungs. Highest previous record of T.  $103\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ , P. 130, R. 40.

Jan. 18th.—1st injection, 0.0005 cc. No reaction. Temperature lower than on day previous.

Jan. 19th. — 2nd injection, 0.001 cc. Moderate reaction. Highest T.  $104\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ , P. 120, R 51.

Jan. 21st.—3rd injection, 0.001 cc. No reaction of any amount.

Jan. 24th.—No injection since last date. No noticeable improvement in any respect.

Case 6.—A. H., aged 40, farmer. Family history good. Gives a history of chronic phthisis of about 7 years duration. Unable to work for two years. Highest previous record of T. I01°, P. S5, R. 26. Has been in hospital about seven weeks, and improved up to ten days ago, when his appetite failed. Jan. 19th.—1st injection, 0.001 cc. No

reaction. Max. T. 101°, P. 82, R. 23.

Jan. 20th. — 2nd injection, 0.002 cc. Reaction doubtful. Had intense headache for a few hours. Max. T. 102°, P. 100, R. 25.

Jan. 22nd. — 3rd injection, 0.004 cc. Chills, followed by flushed face, feeling of depression next morning. Max. T. 102°, P. 85, R. 25.

Jan. 24th.-Apparently improving.

Case 7.-S A., aged 27. Fisherman. Family history good. Dates present illness from an attack of influenza a year ago. Has had cough with more or less expectoration ever since. Has lost flesh. Physical signs indicate tuberculosis. Highest previous record T. 101°, P. 90, R. 29.

Jan. 20th. — 1st injection; 0.001 cc. Slight reaction. Highest T. 101.5, P. 95, R 27.

Jan. 22nd. — 2nd injection, 0.002 cc. Decided effect. Highest T. 103°, P. 100, R. 30. Cough increased and expectoration greater.

Jan. 24th.—3rd injection, 0.002. No reaction. Thinks he feels much better.

Case S.—A. G., aged 30, seaman, Swede. Owing to his want of English it is impossible to get a satisfactory history. Was in hospital some months ago, and it was then thought he had phthisis. Has had cough ever since. Was shipwrecked shortly before admission, and since then has been worse. T.  $101\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ , P. 82, R. 22.

Jan. 21st.—1st injection, 0.001 cc. No reaction. Max. T. 991, P. 85, R. 42.

Jan. 22nd. --- Injected 0.002. Reaction doubtful.

Jan. 24th.—There is considerable mental confusion to-day.

Original Communications.

#### AN ADDRESS ON MATERIA MEDICA AND THERAPEUTICS.

#### By W. S. MUIR, M. D., Truro.

#### (Concluded.)

ADONIS Vernalis is a valuable cardiac tonic, is used in many cases and prescribed in the same conditions as digitalis and strophanthus. Like digitalis it acts upon the heart and the arterioles, but upon the latter to a much less degree, and in this way may be said to stand between the two. It has a decided diuretic action, but acts much more slowly in this particular than strophanthus, and a little more quickly than digitalis. It is said (by Dr. T. Oliver, Lancet, 1888, a gentleman who has written the best article upon its use that I have seen), that it is best employed in cases of mitral and aortic regurgitation.

has long been known to Convallaria possess marked diuretic and cathartic properties, but it is only of late its use, as a cardiac tonic has excited attention. Its effects upon the heart are almost the same as It slows the action, inthat of digitals. creases the force of its contractions and increases the arterial tension, produces diuresis much more quickly, and its action is maintained for several days after its use has been suspended. It is not cumulative. It is most useful in mitral stenosis, dilatation and senile hypertrophy. It is contra indicated in advanced heart troubles, when the muscular structure is altered. It appears to be the favourite cardiac tonic with the general practitioner in the failing heart of pneumonia.

Cimicifuga must be a wonderful drug it

all is true that is written about its physiological action. It is said to be antispasmodic, diaphoretic, expectorant, diuretic, antineuralgic and anti rheumatic. It must be of great importance, and a drug of wonderful merits, as it also benefits, if not entirely cures, amenorrhoea, subinvolution, dismenorrhoea, passive menorrhagia, spinal irritations, due to an irritable womb, (as one writer puts it), has been used to check uterine hemorrhage, allay after pains, and recommended in puerperal mania and perit-As a cardiac tonic it is said to be onitis. safer than digitalis, and is especially useful in weak or fatty hearts. All writers deplore the neglect of its use, and if all that is written about its medicinal properties is correct, it is a much neglected drug.

Caffeine in small doses is a heart tonic, quickening the action and increasing arterial tension; has a marked diffretic action, increases the respiration rate and increases the supply of blood to the brain. Large doses over-stimulate the heart's action, increasing the cerebral circulation at first, afterwards depressing the heart and respiration, and lowering blood pressure. Lauder Brunton states that caffeine is excreted unchanged in the bile and urine, and is a reliable hydrogogue dimetic, acting by stimulation of the secreting apparatus in the kidney as well as by generally raising arterial tension. Caffeine is a very reliable stimulant in many forms of cardiac depression. In the adynamic state of typhoid fever and pneumonia it has been said by Huchard, Von Schroeder and others to be of great value. Von Schroeder also employed it with paraldehyde as a diuretic for ascites, with wonderful results A writer in the Therapeutic Gazette, October 1st, 1890, calls attention to the fact that Theine, which is a tea plant product, and which acts upon the sensory, while caffeine acts upon the motor system, is much used as a substitute for caffeine, and that this may account for the palpitation of the heart, which has greatly puzzled recent observers. From Beaumetz, in his lectures upon New Therapeutic Agencies, and which are just now appearing in this same GAZETTE I quote the tollowing formula for the hypodermic use of caffeine.

"Pure Caffeine and Benzoate of Sodium of each 3iss; boiled water 3iss."

At a meeting of the Academy of Medicine, Paris, March 11th, 1890, Germain See reported the results of a series of studies upon the action of caffeine on the motor and respiratory func-

tions in a normal state and in a state of inanition. From these reports it appears that caffeine has the same stimulating properties as cocoa and mata, and has the power of increasing the activity of the motor nervous system both of the medulla and cerebrum, and as a consequence of this double action we would find the freedom from fatigue. Further he claims that caffeine prevents loss of breath and palpitation as a consequence of severe muscular effort. From experiments made upon thirty healthy individuals, in nearly all cases running did not modify the respiratory rhythm, provided caffeine had been administered ; while otherwise the same individuals running the same distance, at the same rate of speed, suffered from loss of breath, and the number of respiratory movements was tripled.

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The Sulphate of Sparteine does not appear to be used to any great extent. Most ob-servers place it in the digitalis group. In small doses it slows and strengthens the heart beats and raises arterial tension, at the same time increasing the renal and cutaneous circulation. Its action upon the circulation . is manifested more quickly than by any of the drugs in this class. Potter says that in aortic regurgitation it quiets excited action of the heart without unduly prolonging the systole, and it is of great value. It is recommended for chronic Brights' with hypertrophy, asthma, and in Graves disease it is said to be useful. Dr. E. T. Brene, University Medical Mugazine, thinks that sparteine is cumulative, and also a diuretic of importance. He also reports a case of paresis occuring from its use.

I find that nitro-queerine and nitrite of anyl are in constant use, the first named especially. In angina pectoris, although not acting so quickly as anyl nitrite, it gives better and much more lasting results. Nitrite of Amyl is a useful palliative in angina pectoris, and in many of the spasmodic disorders, such as asthma, whooping cough, tetanus and epilepsy. Three years ago I saw nitro-glycerine prescribed for a little girl suffering from petitimal, with the most wonderful result, the child being perfectly welliever since

Cocaine as a heart stimulator is something that requires more than ordinary attention, as to my mind it is a very dangerous drug dangerous on account of its wonderful seductive influence, inducing a habit that is spreading very rapidly, and a habit that is more difficult to abandon than that of opium or alcohol. In small doses cocaine is a cerebral, respiratory cardiac and nervous stimulant, and a diurctic. From personal experience I will say that I have found no drug with which idiosyncrasy plays such an important I found this out by watching its part. effects when used hypodermically by dentists and surgeons. I have seen one-third of a grain produce toxic symptoms in a strong woman, and here I would call your attention to the fact that this idiosyncrasy appears to exist, as I said before, with fair headed nervous women. The one great and fearful hallucination with them appears to be the awful fear of approaching death. To the surgeon cocaine is invaluable, but when used about the trunk and head should be used with great care, as absorption and toxic symptoms are unavoidable. All surgeons who use cocaine should read Dr. J. A. Wyeth's able and instructive paper upon the use of cocaine, in the N. Y. Medical Journal, Both Masso and of September, 1889. Hobart A. Hare, state that an extraordinary rise of bodily temperature, which is quicker in appearance and more permanent than that produced by any other known substance, will follow the administration of cocaine. Τo strengthen the remark that I made a moment ago, that cocaine was a dangerous drug, and when used as a cardiac stimulant should be prescribed with caution, I will quote the "J. Bettelheim reports two following: cases where  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$  of a grain administered hypodermically produced unconsciousness and alarming symptoms. L. Kayser reports a case where § of a grain produced dilated pupils and automatic movements, the patient being a young woman of a nervous temperament."

Among the newer drugs are mentioned sulphonal and paraldehyde, two hypnotics about which there appears to be a great difference of opinion, some writers and practitioners holding a very high opinion of their value, others condemning them. Ali agree that sulphonal is a pure hypnotic, neither anaesthetic nor depressing in character, and not affecting the heart or circulation. The sleep it induces is perfect. Its hypnotic action usually developes very slowly, and its action is often prolonged throughout the following day, and it is liable to produce unpleasant secondary effects, such as nausea, vomiting, dizziness, headache, languor, and the symptoms are said to occur either after a large or a small dose, and it often fails to produce any effect. Thomson, of New York, says it is of great value in the insomnia

of the insane, and in nervous insomnia; while H. Macnaughton Jones believes that it is not only unreliable in mania, but that it may be even dangerous. According to Kast, it is very insoluble, being only dissolved in the proportions of 1 to 50 parts of water, and that it is more soluble in a solution of chloride of sodium. Kast found it efficient in the insomnia of old age, and in organic brain disease. From all that I can read sulphonal is an unreliable drng, and it certainly does not hold the place it did as a hypnotic on this account.

Paraldehyde is, I think, gaining ground as a safe and reliable hypnotic. The great objection to its use appears to be its pungent odor and disagreeable taste. There is no doubt that it is a reliable hypnotic; its action is not so persistent as that of chloral, but it is unquestionably safer. In typhoid fever I use it almost entirely, with good results.

Chloral hydrate is again coming into popular favor. For a time sulphonal hypnone, paraldehyde, urethan, and one or two other hypnotics appeared to be attracting our attention, and chloral hydrate appeared to be losing ground. There is not a drug in the whole list of hypnotics that can displace chloral for the treatment of delirium tremens and tetanus, and I don't think the accidents from its use are any greater than those recorded from any other powerful drug. Uraland chloralamide are two hypnotics lately introduced, the latter by Mering, the former by Poppi. As their names would suggest, they are respectively a mixture of urethan and chloral, and chloral and formamide. Poppi says that his production, ural, is a more certain and more prompt hypnotic than any yet used. He claims that he has given it in different cases of heart disease, hysteria, and other nervous affections, in all cases with the best results.

Chloralamide appears to contain about 75 per cent of chloral, which must be taken into consideration. Like all other new preparation it has its advocates, and from observations, I should judge justly so.

*Exalgine* is a new analgesic, introduced by Beaumetz and Bardet. Its physiological action closely resembles that of antipyrine. It is inferior to antipyrine as an antipyretic, and excels it as an analgesic. The dose is about 5 grains. It is only slightly soluble in cold water, but is very soluble in dilute alcohol. At the present time many are using it for neuralgia, and I cannot find any who are pleased beyond measure with its

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results. It is said by its introducers that it will cause no gastro-intestinal irritation, rash or cyanosis. Two or three weeks ago Atkinson, in the *British Medical Journal* states that in twenty-four cases of various forms of neuralgia, he had very unsatisfactory results with exalgine. It is best given with alcohol with some flavored syrup.

Creasote in the treatment of phthisis appears to have been most successful. Prof. Beverley Robinson in the International Journal of Medical Science, January, 1889, contributes an elaborate paper on this subject. He inclines to the view that creasote favors the growth of fibrous tissue by which recovery takes place in this disease, and that it acts rather by aiding general nutrition than as a direct bacillicide. Beechwool creasote alone must be used, as the commercial form is obtained from coal-tar. Robinson recommends its use both internally and by inhalation. Dr. C. F. Collins, of St. Luke's Hospital, and Dr. Austin Flint, of New York, both report favorably upon its use. Against this we have Von Driver's published results. He states that as a rule creasote is well borne when begun with small doses, well diluted, the appetite and digestion were usually improved, especially when abnormal fermenta tion took place in the stomach or intestines. The diorrahœa did not improve for any length of time. He did not observe any influence upon the tubercular fever in a single case. Although the temperature was accurately kept just a slight improvement could be noticed upon the tubercular processes in the lungs, and this he says was entirely due to the bettering of the hygienic surroundings. The only cases where he reports marked improvement from its use were cases having scrofula for their foundation, as he is pleased to call it.

Hydrofluoric acid inhalations, inhalations of iodide of mercury, inhalations of hot air and moist air, as well as restal injections of hydrogen sulphide in the treatment of phthisis, do not come under my section. I only mention them to show for what uses these agents are employed. Intra-venous injections of balsam of Peru and other substances are not gaining ground, the results, upon the whole, not being satisfactory.

Myrtol, thymol, calomel iodoform, carbolic acid and analine have all been used in the treatment of the disease. For the treatment of laryngeal tuberculosis, menthol, creolin, and lactic acid appear to be the tavorite drugs.

Carbon bi-sulphide requires more than a

passing word. From reports, both at home and abroad, it appears to have been most successfully used internally in the treatment of phthisis, dysentery, gastric ulcer, and in the diarrhean of typhoid fever.

Peroxide of hydrogen for the treatment of diphtheria. Dr. Geo. W. Major, of Montreal, reports that after two years experience with this agent, he finds that it is a powerful antiseptic-a perfect solvent for the exudation of diphtheria. It is not poisonous. Its use is painless and non-irritating. It is odorless and almost tasteless. He begins treatment with a 60 per cent. solution of the socalled " Ten Volume Peroxide." Dr. Glasgow, of St. Louis, confirms Dr. Major's high opinion of this agent. Dr. G. R. F. Crawford at the annual meeting of the N. B. Medical Society, in July last, reported that hydrogen peroxide has been the most satisfactory antiseptic he has used in the treatment of suppurative disease of the middle ear.

Soccharine is the subject of very contradictory statements. In the treatment of diabetes, Beaumetz, Pavy, and H. Mc-Naughton Jones have written articles upon its use. All agree that it is a valuable acquisition as a substance preventing fermentation in the treatment of this disease. It is a good antiseptic, and has been recommended by many for the treatment of apthæ, and as an antiseptic for washing out the stomach. Pyrodine must not be confused with Piridin, which was introduced by See, in 1885, for the relief of spasmodic asthma. Pyrodine is a powerful and active antipyretic, and may be used as such in pneumonia, scarlet fever and typhus. It is also useful in migraine and neuralgia. It is a powerful drug, and should be used with great caution.

Ichthyol applied externally in erysipelas in the form of ointment or lotion or ichthyol collodion has had wonderful effects. Hoffman, Lange, Unna, McLean, and several Russian physicians have been enthusiastic in its praise. Thiol has been introduced since as a cheaper substitute for ichthyol, and thioresorcin for iodoform.

Creolin or liquor antisepticus of Jeyes has been gaining ground.

Chloroform, ether, and nitrous oxide are still our established general anaesthetics. With the English and Canadian graduate chloroform is almost the only anæsthetic used. I know dozens who have never seen ether administered.

Since the Hyderabad commissioner's report upon the use of chloroform, and the report of Lauder Brunton, it is doubtful if any other anæsthetic is more safe, and certainly, since that, adverse criticism must be at a minimum

Ether is in constant use in the United States, but I must say that it must require an experienced operator to convince me that it is to be considered equal to chloroform.

Nitrous Oxide is, as a rule, used only by dentists in Canada. Very few medical men care to use it.

Bromide of Ether is another anæsthetic not in general use.

Methyl Chloride, which was praised by Spencer Wells and Le Fort, was found to contain 4 parts of chloroform and one part methyl alcohol. Now it appears to be used only by a few, and that locally.

#### A CASE OF INVERSION OF THE BLADDER OF 12 YEARS STANDING.

Reported by DR. N. E. MCKAY, M. R. C. S. . Surgeon V. G. H.

C. C., aged 12 was admitted into the V. G. Hospital on the 9th day of August, 1890, suffering from inversion of the bladder.

Family history : — Sister has hip-joint disease. Father is now in hospital suffering from vesical calculus.

History of illness:-When patient was 9 months old she suffered severely from prolapsus recti, which lasted off and on for one year. Living in a remote part of the country where the services of a medical man could not be easily obtained, she received no treatment for this trouble. From birth her urine dribbled away constantly. When suffering from the prolapsus recti and its concomitant tenes mus a tumor suddenly appeared at the vulva, which did not increase in size with time. It never went away until a month before patient was admitted into the hospital, when one morning as she was getting up it suddenly disappeared, but returned in the afternoon of the same day. She had occasional attacks of intense pain in the right iliac region.

Present condition:—Patient is emaciated and pale, but otherwise she is apparently in fairly good health. On examination, a semielastic tumor, the size of a large hen egg, pyriform in shape, is found protruding from the vulva. Its base is directed forward, and it is attached by a large pedicle to the arch and rami of public bones. The tumor is florid in color, and covered with a grayish

gelatinous mucoid substance. There is complete absence of clitoris and urethra; the urethra being absorbed into the bladder. On the under surface of the tumor in the mesial line and near its public attachment, a small opening is perceptible, surrounded by a cluster of small tubercles, from which urine dribbles away constantly, and through which a size 10 F. eatheter bougie is easily passed to the extent of 8 or 9 inches, and dirty colored urine withdrawn. On closer examination, a slit-like opening is discovered on the left aspect of the pedicle, from which dirty urine is obtained by means of a catheter. The tumor is excessively tender. but there is very little excoriation of surrounding parts. The quality and quantity of urine obtained were such that it was impossible to accurately determine the real condition of her kidneys.

Treatment :-- On the 13th of August, I returned the bladder, under anæsthetic, by gradual and gentle digital pressure, my fingers and the tumor being first well oiled with carbolized oil. The meatus was greatly dilated, sufficiently large to admit two To lessen its calibre I fingers together. vivified the mucous membrane on either side, and brought and held the freshened surfaces with silver sutures, (two on each side.) I then washed the parts thoroughly with antiseptic solution, and, dusted the wound with iodoform, and applied a pad of absorbent cotton wool with a T handage to prevent a re-currence of the inversion. This dressing was changed two or three times a day, pro re nata.

From the 13th August, the day of the operation, to the 17th, the patient's temperature ranged from 97° to 991°. General condition, fairly good. From the 18th until the 21st, temperature gradually rose to 101°, when she complained of pain in right iliac region. This did not create any undue alarm, as she had a similar pain here at different times before. On the 18th the wires were removed and wound looked well. From the 21st to 24th temperature ranged from 97° to  $101\frac{1}{2}$ °. On the 24th she fell into collapse; temperature 973° to 96°; pulse weak and thready. She remained in this condition until she died, on the morning of the 28th.

Post-Mortem Examination: — Bladder in situ and greatly contracted and thickened; urethra and clitoris absent; both urcters greatly distended and their walls thickened; both kidneys completely disorganized and flattened out like a pan-cake; their cortical and medullary substances are completely riddled with pus cavities. Each pus cavity is surrounded with a thickened adherent pyogenic membrane; the pelvis of both kidneys is full of purulent material.

#### RUBEOLA, --SOME REMARKS UPON AN EPIDEMIC OF.

By T. C. LOCKWOOD, M. D., Lockeport, N. S.

At, or shortly after, the cessation of the world-wide and world-famous epidemic of La Grippe, which prevailed in this locality last winter, measles became epidemic, and continued so up to almost the present time, or till about all available material for the *materies morbi* to work upon became exhausted.

In a population of 3500, scattered mostly along a shore line of some twelve miles, the largest single village numbering 800 souls, there were at least 250 cases of rubeola.

All neighboring villages and settlements are in daily communication with the centraland largest one, which is the business and trading stand for the surrounding country. In this largest community the disease first appeared, in the person of a fisherman, then lately returned, and thence spread in all directions, the contagion being doubtless carried in many cases to others by persons themselves unaffected.

The occurrence of measles in some of the settlements isolated 4 or 5 miles from each other can only be explained by a fact which has been somewhat in dispute, but which was upheld by Panum, viz :—That contagion can be carried without losing its activity by an unaffected third person.

This truth I found hard to impress, and want of appreciation of it had much to do with the spread of the epidemic. Children coming from infected houses were also allowed to attend school, and thus afford an additional source of contagion, taken together with the extreme probability of infection coming from children in the prodromal stage.

The greatest number of cases appeared in children of from two to four years, though cases among adults and sucklings were not uncommon.

In one case under my care a woman exposed to contagion about a week before her confinement, was covered with the characteristic rash, and had the other usual symptoms of rubeola three days after the birth of her child, which also became affected with the disease when twelve days old, both recovering, with no sequela:

As it is extremely difficult in most cases to ascertain the exact time of exposure, it is not easy to state the average length of the period of incubation, but in those best known it would seem to be 9 or 10 days. The period of invasion of rash lasted from 3 to 5 days.

Experience with this disease would seem to point out the truth of Hardaway's statement, that measles is by no means as trivial a disease as would seem to be the common impression.

The number of fatal cases during the epidemic numbered 10, all under 7 years, and due generally to that common complication, capillary bronchitis with lobular pneumonia.

No case of the so-called "black measles," (rubeola nigra), was observed. Intestinal catarrh was present in many cases, but diarrhœa was not as a rule persistent.

A common sequel was a blepharitis, which always proved troublesome to both patient and attending physician.

In the case of a boy of nine years, measles was followed by pleuro-pneumonia of the left side, which eventually terminated in an emphysema; a pocket of pus forming in region of nipple, sufficiently large to displace the heart very considerably to the right, and the lung into the upper and posterior chest. This pocket after pointing at 5th intercostal space in a line with the nipple, was opened by valvular incision, and afterwards a rubber drainage tube was introduced. These operations gave great case to patient and much temperary improvement followed; the first day of incision fully one pint of pus coming away, subsequently a very distressing cough with hectic setting in, and patient becoming much exhausted and emaciated. Aspiration was resorted to, and seven ounces of pus drawn off. This operation was followed by much relief and improvement, but the discharge still continued from original sinus left, when drainage tube was withdrawn. Three weeks after first operation, aspiration was again performed in same situation, three ounces of very thick pus being the result. After this cough and fever ceased, fistula healed up, and patient has rapidly gained in flesh and strength, with but little contraction of left side.

As to treatment, persons affected were kept in bed in warm, partly darkened, well ventilated rooms. Cold water was freely given during pyrexia. If cough proved troublesome a mixture centaining ipecac and Tr. opii camphor was given. In some cases where rash was slow in appearing, hot baths were used with pulv. ipecae co.. Capillary bronchitis was treated by alcoholic stimulants and carbonate of ammonia with linseed meal poultices. Every one of these cases proved fatal.

Blepharitis when threatening to become chronic was treated by anointing lids with red precipitate ointment at night, use of solid stick nitrate of silver, and epilation of lashes. These agents either together or separately proving successful in all cases.

December, 1890.

#### TWO CASES OF "PLACENTA PREVIA."

BY H. E. KENDALL, M. D., Sydney.

I. Mrs. N-, aged 38, Multipara. I was called hastily with the news that patient was in labor and bleeding. When I arrived the bleeding had ceased. Examination revealed the following facts :---

#### PLACENTA PRAEVIA LATERALIS.

The edge of the placenta could be felt along the posterior lip just below the With it a pouch of the internal *os.* unruptured membranes containing coils of the pulsating cord. Above and anteriorly the fœtal head hard against the placenta and os. The Cervix was very dilatable.

Personal Characteristics .-- Patient was very large framed and muscular. Pelvis roomy. Gave history of incredibly short previous labors.

I decided to adopt expectant treatment. There was no more haemorrhage. Pains were very good and dilatation very rapid. Soon the membranes ruptured and the cord pro-To try to replace it was out of the lapsed. question and so its pulsations were carefully watched. For a few pains they returned powerfully after the pains ceased but soon showed signs of feebleness. Forceps were rapidly applied and the child delivered, somewhat feeble but alive. Following the child came the placenta with the same con-The fundus was seized and the traction. lower uterine segment douched with a hot ! of varying intensity for four days.

solution of the perchloride of iron. Mother and child got on without further incident.

II. Mrs. M—, aged 26, Primipara. During the fifth month of pregnancy I was called to see her twice, while flooding. Advised premature laborat next haemorrhage. Called next at end of 5th month. The haemorrhage was profuse and the patient verv weak. Examination revealed the following facts :---

Labor began spontaneously. Cervix softened and dilatable to the extent of allowing three fingers to pass. Placenta Praevia Centralis. I anaestherized the patient and proceeded to insinuate my index finger between the placenta and uterine wall at different points in its circumference. This told me that on the posterior side the placenta was not attached so far up as on the other sides. Accordingly I dilated the os. digitally to a sufficient extent to admit the whole hand, and following the posterior wall of the uterus, burst through the membranes, seized both feet and by combined manipulation made the version complete. I extracted as rapidly as the cervical dilation would permit, but the child was dead before delivered from compression of the cord. The mother made a good recovery.

Notes .- This last case presents no great interest. It is an ordinary case of great gravity and one's course is that of early interference and rapidity of delivery. The first case, however, was to me more instructive although more simple. What stopped the haemorrhage while dilation was still very inconsiderable? Was the expectant plan of treatment the correct one? I believe the answer to the first question to be in the consideration urged above. The roominess of the pelvis with the potency of the pains caused the foctal head very early to become moderately impacted between the lower portion of the placenta, pushed against the sacrum and the public bone so that it did not recede between the pains and thus allow haemorrhage to return. With regard to the second question, I believe that I could afford to be inactive while there was no haemorrhage, considering that if it should come on later even a high forceps operation was under the circumstances more feasible later than version would have been performed at an earlier date.

#### AN UNUSUALLY SEVERE CASE OF ASTHMA.

Patient had almost continuous paroxysms The fol

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lowing remedies were tried: Morphia and Atropia in full doses. Ether and chloroform internally. Chloral and bromides in full doses. Inhalations of chloroform to anaesthesia. Ether, nitrate of amyl. Nitrate of potash, stramonium and tobacco. All to no avail. Complete relief from venesection, about 30 oz. of blood being taken.

#### DIFFUSE MASTOID OSTEITIS TREPHINING.

#### G.R. J. CRAWFORD, M.D., L.R.C.P., (Lond.) St. John, N. B.

Some months ago in a short paper I referred to the fatal cases of brain complication following suppurative disease of the middle ear. I thought it might not be uninteresting to relate a case I recently saw with Dr. Emery, of this city. The doctor gave me a history of unusually severe inflammation of the middle ear with mastoid involvement. The discharge was profuse and sanious, as generally occurs in such cases.

Dr. Emery forseeing the probability of an operation, requested assistance in the case. When I first saw the patient with the doctor, he complained of great pains, and although there were no special symptoms pointing to brain complication, still we were very anxious as to the outcome of the case. The integuments over the mastoid were slightly swollen and painful, but our hope was, that by leeching and poulticing, the inflammation might be subdued. Those measures failing we next made a free incision as recommended by B. Wilde, through subcutaneous tissue and periosteum. He got some slight relief from this operation, but the disease seemed still to progress, and as he had some fever and almost constant pain on one side of his head, we decided to at once open into the cells with the bone drill. The operation brought great relief, and a free discharge of pus from the wound. He was also able by Valsalva's method, to force air through, and with it any pus which was disposed to remain. The wound was kept clean and antiseptic by means of hydrogen peroxide and carbolic acid The patient rapidly improved. solution.

The only remark I have to make is that I am persuaded that the operation put the patient in a condition of comparative safety, with respect to a brain complication, and that if a similar mode of treatment had been followed in the early stage of the chronic case referred to in my paper read at the N. B. Medical Society, July last, the cerebellar abscess, which cost the patient his life, would never have developed. The case has been very instructive, and I hope it may do some good by calling the attention of the profession to the good result that may be expected from a timely operation of this kind.

#### Society Proceedings.

#### HALIFAX BRANCH BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

REGULAR MEETING, JAN. 22ND, 1891.

Present were :--Drs. T. R. Almon, Farrell, Anderson, DeWitt, Finn, Kirkpatrick, Chisholm, D. A. Campbell, Trenaman, Cowie, Cunningham, M. A B. Smith, P. N. Balcom, (Aylesford,) J. F. Black, Parker, Slayter.

In the absence of Drs. Tobin and Morrow, Drs. D. A. Campbell and F. U. Anderson officiated as chairman and secretary, respectively.

The adjourned discussion upon diphtheria was resumed as follows :

DR. FARRELL opened :--He said, was there a membranous laryngitis simple and noninfectious? He leaned to the opinion that it is generally, if not always, diphtheritic. But in this view he might be influenced by the existence of Diphtheria at present in Halifax. There are some cases in which the exhibition of the diphtheritic membrane is chiefly in the larynx.

Pathologically, true croup, apart from diphtheria, is generally thought to exist. But it is an unsafe plan for practitioners in the midst of an epidemic, to presume that there is an independent membranous croup. It is safer to regard every case of membranous croup as diphtheria. This he considered an important point.

Most important however are treatment and prevention. For treatment we have no specific. It is a zymotic disease dependent upon a poison in the system. We cannot even modify its action. The poison is markedly depressing. It depresses the vital powers from the moment that the influence of the poison begins. It has long been recognized that the disease would not bear depressing treatment, but does better with stimulants and feeding. So the present general plan is to sustain and restore the vital powers by food, drink or medicines.

The ingestion of the greatest possible amount of nutritious food is very important. Anything more depressing than a simple evacuant would be prejudicial.

As to the value of stimulants, Dr. Farrell continued : Is alcohol a food ? He had no doubt of it at least in certain depressed states of the system, even in certain natural states, such as senile debility. If true, then there is no disease where alcohol is more indicated than in diphtheria. Perhaps we do not give it enough. I have heard it maintained that alcohol is a specific. The quantity that would otherwise produce intoxication does not in diphtheria do so. He took for granted that everything should be done in the way of hygiene. Are we careful enough for instance in paying attention to the relative amount of bad and fresh air in the sick room. We probably do not sufficiently recognize the value of fresh air.

As to therapeutics, it has followed the line of the food management, and includes such medicines as are of a tonic character. Chief is iron, which is used almost universally. Another almost always associated with iron is chlorate of potash. Iron is undoubtedly the most valuable tonic and adjunct to stimulant food. We know that the gerns do attack some and not other persons, partly due to a vigorous and healthy blood supply in the latter. This high vitality is itself a germicide, and may enable the individual to win.

No doubt in some ways iron prevents the play of disease. It adds to the force and vital condition of the red corpusele. He hoped we may discover a better form of iron than is now in use.

In view of the pathology of the disease, which tends to show that the disease germs are developed in the area of its local manifestations, local treatment would seem to be of much importance. Some attempt to render the throat aseptic. Sulphur, hydrogen per.oxide and other drugs are used with this object. Might we not by applying a solution of silver nitrate to the throat, hope to destroy the disease ?

Regarding intubation, its value is undoubted. In diphtheritic laryngitis it gives the same result as laryngotomy, no better or worse, only it is bloodless. Intubation has not been very successful in Halifax thus tar. It gives immediate relief, but the membrane extends and developes below the

tube. We have yet to learn about intubation; how long should the tube remain in? After there is much secretion and mucous rattle he thinks it should be removed.

DR. TRENAMAN.—His view is that there is a membranous croup, distinct from the diphtheritic form. When diphtheria is epidemic he must, for sanitary reasons, regard all cases of croup as of diphtheritic origin.

Referring to the prevelance of diphtheria during the year 1890, he said that it was impossible to obtain accurate statistics for the first seven months. Since August 1st, 383 cases had been reported, of which 99 proved fatal. He estimated the total deaths for the year to be not less than 208. From the 1st to 20th of January, 1889, 66 cases had been reported, 18 of which proved fatal.

Cases had been reported from all parts of the city, but latterly they chiefly happened in some of the best houses, where it would be supposed sameary precaution is observed.

The irregular course of the epidemic was referred to. Instead of gradually reaching its maximum of intensity, it has rather been characterized by noted exacerbations. Days often clapse without a new case being reported, and then 10 or twelve might be reported in a single day, from points widely separated. His inspector observed that when the disease first appeared in the 1st flat of a tenement house it generally extended through the house, on the other hand when it broke out on the upper flat the families living below usually escaped.

He trusted that practical suggestions might be thrown out for the benefit of the Board of Health.

DR. DEWITT.—Thinks we cannot recognize a membranous croup non-diphtheritic in origin. Diphtheritic croup he does not regard as contagious as the pharyngeal or nasal form. In the former there is rarely an offensive odor from the breath.

For treatment he relies chiefly on stimulants. Elixir of iron and quinine, and concentrated meat extracts. He thinks it unsafe to give liquids too freely. They increase unduly vascular tension, and increase the liability of heart failure. Has had no experience with hydrarg perchloride. Patients treated at the infectious hospital have done well.

DR. BALCOM, of Aylesford was invited to speak. He fortunately had not met with much diphtheria. He relies entirely on sustaining measures, as stimulants, abundance of fresh air, iron and suitable food. One of his neighbors relies on caustics, and obtains satisfactory results.

DR. COWIE gave a detailed account of the first epidemic of diphtheria in Halifax. He did not think it was as malignant in type as the present one. Extension to the larynx has been much more frequent of late. He relies on supporting measures and thinks papoid spray of some value as a local application. It certainly seems to act as a solvent of the membranes.

DR. CUNNINGHAM does not rate alcohol so highly, and deprecates its use in large doses. If so employed it induces loss of appetite and irritability of the stomach. May not the paralyses, which so often occur,  $b \cdot in$ some measure due to drenching the system with stimulants. In his practice he prescribed them in small quantities, with a view of stimulating digestion. Prefers wine of cocoa as a stimulant. Potass chlorate possesses no value, may indeed be dangerous. Iron is our sheet anchor, and it should be administered in small doses, frequently repeated.

With intubation he has been so far very unsuccessful. Thinks we should have a greater variety of tubes in order to get one that will fit larynx accurately. The difficulty of preventing the entrance of food into the larynx is very great. Gives food by tube introduced through postril.

DR. CHISHOLM. — In the early stages when pyrexia is decided, relies upon cold and a combination of potass chlorate and tincture of aconite in small doses, frequently repeated. Thinks this limits the catarrhal affection which precedes formation of membrane. Believes there may be a laryngeal and a pharyngeal exudation non-contagious in its nature.

DR. J. F. BLACK confined his remarks to intubation, which he regarded as a very valuable measure. He explained recent improvements on the O'Dwyer tube, and pointed out the advantages of the method over tracheotomy.

DR. M. A. B. SMITH.—During the last few months there had been 56 cases reported in Dartmouth, with 19 deaths; a mortality rate of 34 per cent. Happily they were now free, thanks to the energetic action of the Board of Health. Thinks potass chlorate of value, but it should be given with caution; and favors free administration of stimulants. It is unfortunate that we have no data for determining how long a patient should be quarantined. Intubation and tracheotomy very often doom a child to suffer the agony of suffocation a second time.

DR. FINN regarded the local use of peroxide of hydrogen of high value. Has witnessed excellent results from its use. The doctor gave a detailed account of a method of injection of the affected mucous membrane with hydrarg perchlor.

DR. KIRKPATRICK spoke of a form of iron recently recommended by Prof. Flint, of New York. He gave Prof. Ross' experience with papoid spray. He only lost one case in fifteen of average severity.

DR CAMPBELL thinks the so-called membranous croup and diphtheria identical. Admits that membrane may be produced as the consequence of other causes than diphtheria, but it rarely happens. The sporadic occurrence, the exemption of the fauces and other visible parts from exudation and the sthenic character of the general symptoms are the main grounds upon which the existence of a membranous croup, separate from diphtheria, But do we not see in undoubted is based. cases of diphtheria a wide difference, both in the local and constitutional symptoms in Why then should the different cases. occasional limitations of the disease to the larynx be a ground for regarding it as a distinct disease.

In croup where sthenic manifestations are already clearly marked, does not hesitate to employ antiphlogistic measures. Sir Wm. Gull has said wine and mercury are sometimes better than wine and iron. Thinks that chlorate of potass has some value, that nothing is gained by drenching the system with alcohol, and in cases where the onset is marked by sharp pyrexia the treatment recommended by Dr. Chisholm acts well. The tincture of iron is our sheet anchor in most cases ; in cases where there is difficulty of administration, the tartrate of iron and potass work well, owing to its lack of taste.

DR. FARRELL closed the discussion. He emphasized the few views he at first expressed and regretted that the time was so limited, as many points of great importance had not been referred to.

PROFESSOR RAMSAY WRIGHT is to remain in Berlin for some months, to become thoroughly versed in all that pertains to Koch and his methods, in relation to bacteriology.

#### Correspondence.

#### To the Editor of Maritime Medical News:

Sir :- A recent issue of your journal contains an article from the pen of Dr. J. F. Black, of this city, headed, "Surgery of today," in which he makes special claims to be the "abdominal surgeon" of Nova Scotia. In speaking of himself in this connection, he says :-- "It is a subject in which I am specially interested I have the honor to be the first to record a case of ovariotomy in Nova Either as principal or assistant Scotia. operator I have been concerned in most of the abdominal sections so far-performed, and although our work does not perhaps show so large a percentage of good results as the noted specialists abroad, still we have good reason to be satisfied with what we have so far done "

The question of interest to the profession regarding Dr. Black as a specialist in "abdominal surgery," is: "What is his record in this department?" It is said that the average mortality of all his cases of "abdominal sections" is in the neighborhood of 35 or 40 per cent. I do not vouch for the accuracy of this statement, but I believe it is not far wrong. With such a record it must be very good natured of Dr. Black to be so well satisfied with what "we have done so far."

Instead of dealing in generalities, perhaps it would have been better had the Dr. published, in connection with this paper, a tabulated statement of all the "abdominal sections" in which he acted, either as "principal or assistant" operator, with results, leaving the profession to judge for itself, of his skill and success as an operator. This he takes special care not to do As a profession we think more of results than vague assertions. However, it may not be too late yet for the Dr. to furnish us with statistics.

Since my connection with the Victoria General Hospital in 1885, seven abdominal sections have been performed, viz.: five ovariotomies, one oöphorectomy, and one enterectomy. It is not necessary for me at present to state in how many of these cases he acted, "either as principal or assistant" operator, or give the results, which alone constitute the only reliable basis upon which to correctly estimate a surgeon's skill.

Considering the position which he assumes,

it is to be hoped he will condescend to give to the profession statistics with results of all the cases of abdominal sections in which he was concerned.

Yours truly,

N. E. MCKAY.

Dec. 20th, 1890.

To the Medical Profession :

My attention has been called to the announcement of Mr. F. A. Davis, a publisher of Philadelphia, who claims to have in press the second volume of a work entitled "A Treatise on Materia Medica, Pharmacology and Therapeutics," my name being used as joint author with Dr. John V. Shoemaker. I desire to say that the use of my name in connection with Vol. II of this work is unauthorized, and without my consent, and I am credibly advised that such publication can be restrained by legal means. For good and sufficient cause, my association with the publisher and reputed author was severed months ago, and of this, intending purchasers will take due notice.

Very respectfully,

JOHN AULDE, M. D.

1910 Arch St, Philadelphia, January 5, 1891.

The following is an extract from a letter received, accompanying a new subscription :---

January 15th, 1890.

#### Editor M. M. News:

"I entirely concur with the views of the desirability of a Medical Journal which we may claim as our own,—particularly in the interests of the Maritime Medical profession."

"I am convinced good will come of such a journal, if a *good* one, and your publication tills at least my standard of requirement in that respect.

I think the "NEWS" should deal with the matter of revenue for the purposes of the Medical Board of Nova\_Scotia. Many dissent to the plan of taxation, I do not object to it, but if there is any better method let it be known and adopted. The Board has done good work for the profession; it has more yet to do, and cannot accomplish it without funds. We must have the aid and power of the Board, and let us accordingly see that it is not starved out working for the general good, and finding itself. This from another:-

"I am much pleased with the appearance, etc., of the MARITIME MEDICAL NEWS, and though I take a number of other Medical Journals, I do not feel that I could get along without it."

#### Reviews.

TEXT BOOK OF HYGIENE. A Treatise on the Principles and Practice of Preventive Medicine. From an American stand-point. By Geo. H. Rohé, M. D. Second Edition. F. A. Davis, Philadelphia and London, 1890.

The appearance of a second edition within so short a period of the first is perhaps the best testimony to the value of the work. It is simply what its author professes it to be, a work specially adapted to the wants of the American student and sanitary officer. The essential principles of modern sanitary science are presented in clear, and easily understood, language. In many respects it is just such a book as has long been wanted by the general practitioner.

The first hundred pages are devoted to the consideration of Air, Water and Food.

A brief analysis of the chapter on Air will convey a fair idea of the scope of the work. A short concise account is given of the composition and physical conditions of the atmosphere, then in detail the influence of -the sanitary relations of air currents-influence of humidity, climate, seasons, etc.-the sanitary relations of changes in composition and of impurities in the air-sewer air-tests for impurities in the air-principles of ventilation. A feature of value is that at the close of each chapter a short list of the important writings dealing with each special subject is given. Soil, removal of sewage, constructing of habitations, hospitals, etc., military, naval, and camp hygiene-exercise and training, clothing, etc., are dealt with.

The closing chapters are devoted to the considerations of the germ theory of disease, contagion and infection, a history of epidemic diseases, disinfectants, antiseptics and deodorants, vital statistics and quarantine. The chapter on quarantine gives a full account of the various systems adopted by the United States. We can heartily recommend this work to our readers, it being well written, brief, yet comprehensive.

A YOUNG woman sent to a newspaper a poem entitled, "I Cannot Make Him Smile." The editor ventured to express an opinion that she would have succeeded had she shown him the peem.—*Exchange*.

#### A DOCTOR'S STORY.

#### Med. and Sury. Reporter.

Mrs. Rogers lay in her bed Bandaged and blistered from foot to head; Bandaged and blistered from foot to toe, Mrs. Rogers was very low.

Bottle and sauce, spoon and cup, On the table stood bravely up; Physic of high and low degree; Calomel, catnip, boneset tea— Everything a body could bear, Excepting light and water and air.

I opened the blinds; the day was bright, And God gave Mrs. Rogers some light. I opened the window; the day was fair, And God gave Mrs. Rogers some air. Bottles and blisters, powders and pills, Catnip, boneset, syrup and squills, Drugs and medicines, high and low, I threw them as far as I could throw.

"What are you doing?" my patient cried, "Frightening Death," I coolly replied. "You are crazy," a visitor said; I flung a bottle at her head.

Deacon Rogers came to me; "Wife is comin' round," said he. I really think she'll worry through; She scolds me just as she used to do. All the people have pooled and slurred— All the neighbors have had their word; "''Tis better to perish,' some of 'm say, 'Than be cured in such an irregular way.'"

"Your wife," said I, "had God's good care And his remedies—light, water and air. All the doctors, beyond a doubt, Couldn't have cured Mrs. Rogers without,"

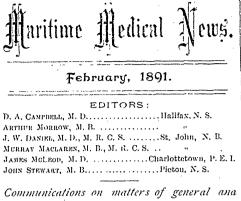
The deacon smiled and bowed his head; "Then your bill is nothing," he said; "God's be the glory as you say; God bless you, doctor; good day! good day."

If ever I doctor that woman again, I'll give her medicines made by men.

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We would wish it to be distinctly understood that this Journal is a thorughly independent one; independent of clique, of person or of institution.

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IT IS satisfactory to notice the continued appreciation and popularity shown towards the St. John school for trained nurses. Since it was started, in connection with the General Public Hospital, nearly three years ago. nine nurses have graduated, after passing highly creditable examinations, and during this time a full course of lectures and practical instruction have been given at regular intervals, with satisfactory results.

Few, save those who have had occasion to test the work of our nurses, can realize what a boon their services were to those who could afford and needed them during the late epidemic of scarlet fever, and also in other serious illnesses which have occurred in many families during the past two years. We are sure that all who think about the matter will agree that the profession of an hospital nurse, while it is useful is also arduous, and it is to alleviate the cares and anxieties of such a life that a scheme for providing a home for hospital and district nurses in connection with the hospital has been formed. The accommodation at present provided by the hospital is inadequate, both as regards space and comfort.

The plan as set forth in a letter to the daily newspapers, by Lady Tilley, who is its chief promoter, is excellent. In this letter she appeals to the sympathy and necessity of the people to provide means for the carrying out of the plan, and then goes on to explain the idea, which is to build an additional wing to the hospital, two stories high, with dining and sitting rooms, a bath room and ten bed-rooms, capable of accommodating twenty nurses in all. The letter goes on to explain the object of district nursing, which is to have a staff of well trained nurses who could be called upon in case of severe illness by anyone, especially by the poor, who could apply through their clergyman or physician, for the daily visit of a competent nurse. This prospective home is to be supported by the voluntary contributions of the people.

#### MARITIME MEDICAL NEWS.

It is to be earnestly hoped that this laudable undertaking will meet with the success it deserves.

W E understand that the result of the circular lately addressed to the profession of Nova Scotia by the Provincial Medical Board, is that the majority have not indicated their approval of the proposal of the Board to take measures to institute a tax of from one to three dollars, payable annually, by every registered practitioner. We do not mean to say that a majority have signified their disapproval, we understand that a large number have sent no reply.

We believe that the Board should be more representative of the different sections of the province than it is. We believe that the prosecutions and other measures preventive of illegal medical practice are pro bono publico, and that accordingly the expense of such should be borne to some extent at least, by the government; whether wholly or not is perhaps a matter upon which views might differ.

But since, up to the present, the government has refused any financial aid to the Board, we are of the opinion that a small annual tax of a dollar or two would materially aid the Board in the carrying out of some important protective measures, that must otherwise, to some extent, remain undealt with.

If the Board, as at present constituted, does not possess the confidence of the profession of the province, then by all means let it be reconstituted in such a manner as to make it a more representative body. We shall be glad to publish any matter tending to a ventilation of the subject.

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WE believe that Dr. Slayter has the honor of being the first private practitioner in Nova Scotia to receive a bottle of the precious lymph.

#### Selections.

#### TREATMENT OF TUBERCULAR ARTH-RITIS AND ABSCESSES BY IODOFORM INJECTIONS.

SINCE, according to Burns, (Arch. fur Klin. Chirurg,) the antitubercular power of iodoform is established beyond cavil, the treatment of cold absecsses and white swellings by this drug should, when the latter is brought in direct contact with the diseased foci, yield satisfactory results. It is true that the treatment of open ulcers by iodoform applications, has been disappointing, but this is readily explained by the fact that the constant secretion washes away the medica-When the diseased granulations are tion. thoroughly removed by curetting, or the use of the knile, there are few who will not grant that the use of iodoform has a very positive and prompt action in preventing recidivity. In cold abscesses the most favorable conditions are offered for the action of an antitubercular medicament. There is here a closed cavity with walls made up of tubercular granulations, and encapsulated from the surrounding healthy tissues by a fibrous investment. Iodoform injected into this cavity is brought intimately in relation with all parts of its lining membrane, and remains in close contact for weeks. The effects of this treatment are rarely manifested for weeks, or even months, then the abscesses gradually diminish in size, and finally disappear entirely.

The length of time required to accomplish cure is frequently a cause of failure, since the surgeon, loosing faith in his treatment, is prone to abandon it for some other before it is fairly tried. In large abscesses a decided diminution in size can rarely be expected before one or two months, and a complete cure is most exceptional before two or four The ultimate result is, however months. so well assured that a favorable prognosis can be confidently made even when the patient is compelled to be up and about. In the last five years Burns has treated upwards of a hundred cold abscesses by means, of iodoform. injection, and eighty per cent. have been cured. This result is in strict accord with the reports of Billroth and Verneuil, and the combined cases are so numerous as to constitute an absolute proof as to the antitubercular power of iodoform. Olive oil was used as an excipient, the drug being added in the

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proportion of 1 to 10. Since it has been claimed that recidivity is common after apparent cure by this method; the cases treated two or three years ago were again examined; in all the cure was lasting.

In the last four years over fifty cases of tnbercular joint diseases were treated by iodoform injections. For these injections a ten or twenty per cent. mixture of iodoform and olive oil, freshly prepared and sterile, should be employed. When the disease takes the form of parenchymatous synovitis with marked fungous outgrowth, the injection is carried into the joint cavity and into the fungous masses by means of several punctures, from two to six cubic centimeters of the mixture being forcibly driven in. When there is effusion into the joint, or abscesses have been formed, after puncture and evacuation, a quantity of the mixture, sufficient moderately to fill the cavity is injected, from ten to thirty cubic centimetres frequently being required. There is but slight reaction following this treatment, and fixation of the joint is not necessary. Parenchymatous injections are repeated at intervals of eight days. When cavities are treated two or four weeks should elapse between each injection. Pain frequently disappears in a few weeks, but improvement in other respects is a matter of considerable time. Motion is often completely restored. - Am. Journal Medical Sc.

#### TWO CASES OF CEREBRAL ABSCESS RESULTING FROM LONG-CONTINUED OTORRHŒA; OPERATION; RECOVERY.

PRITCHARD (Arch. of Otology, xix, 2 and 3) reports the following cases : The first case was that of a man, aged twenty-three, who had had frontal headache and pain in the left ear from the age of six years, and for the last ten years there been a purulent discharge from the ear. In April, 1888, the discharge became more profuse and the pain worse, and there were several attacks of partial loss of consciousness lasting fifteen or twenty minutes, during which he could not speak. On June 17th he had a convulsive attack with twitching of the left side of the face, but no paresis or loss of sensation. He remained in a semi-conscious, torpid condition up to June 23rd, when he had six convulsions, and was admitted to the hospital. He was drowsy and incoherent. There was an abundant

offensive discharge from the ear, tenderness on pressure, and slight facial paralysis. There was no optic neuritis. The skull was trephined the same day at a spot two inches above the meatus and half an inch in front of it. The dura mater was opened, but no pus followed repeated exploratory punctures into the brain substance. The trephine was then applied an inch behind the posterior margin of the first opening, and offensive pus was found outside the dura mater, which was left intact. By further use of the trephine and hone forceps this opening was enlarged, and finally the trephine was applied for the fourth time over the occipito parietal region. The whole wound was then irrigated with weak carbolic acid solution and dressed with perchloride gauze. The patient was much collapsed and long unconscious, but his subsequent recovery was uninterrupted and complete.

The second case was that of a young man, aged twenty-sir, who had had a purulent discharge from the left ear for eight years, with at times intense pain, and on one occasion there had been a swelling on the left side of the neck. In September, 1889, there was a sudden attack of intense pain in the ear and left side of the head, and on the next day there were two distinct rigors. The next day he vomited, and on the following day he had a convulsion. He was then admitted to the hospital, and for several days there were no characteristic cerebral symptoms. There was intense pain in the left temporal fossa, and he was giddy. The otorrhœa was profuse and offensive, the left drum-membrane was destroyed, and there were several polypi springing from the middle ear. Three days later the temperature rose to 101° F., and there was delirium and vomiting. There was no optic neuritis. The delirium increased and there was twitching of the left eyebrow and left angle of the mouth. There was retention of urine, and he lay in an unconscious condition. The skull was then trephined an inch and a quarter behind the meatus and the same distance above the cerebral base line. Both bone and dura mater appeared healthy, but exploration inward and forward evacuated half an ounce of feetid pus. The brokendown brain substance was removed, the wound was thoroughly irrigated, a drainagetube inserted and wound closed. The relief afforded was transient; the patient soon became delirious again, and had several rigors. Eight days later further exploratory punctures

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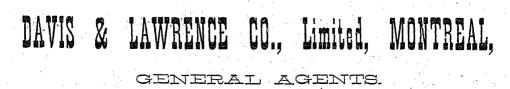
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in the brain were made, but no further abscess was found, and no pus was found in the mastoid cells Two days after this there was slight paresis of the right arm and leg, which disappeared the following day. Four days days later there was optic neuritis of the left eye. Two days later the wound was dilated and about two drachms of pus were evacuated. From this date the condition of the patient slowly improved. Word-deafness was noticed, as in the first case. His temperature fell to normal, and he was soon enabled to read, though the optic neuritis remained for six weeks.-N. Y. Med. Jour.

#### LCEFFLER (PROF. F.) ON THE PROPHY-LAXIS OF DIPHTHERIA.

At the International Medical Congress, Prof. Loeffler, who first isolated and cultivated the Klebs diphtheria bacillus, read a paper with the above title.

The usual rigid isolation and disinfection were insisted upon, and the question discussed of "How long can a patient furnish infectious excretions?" The author gives a case in practice where bacteriological examinations were made daily, and excretions found still infectious nearly three weeks after temperature returned to normal. For the differentiation of diphtheria from other throat affections nothing is conclusive but bacteriological examination; all doubtful cases should be reported as diphtheria until the diagnosis is clear. Epidemiologically, a case is cited where a family was taken with diphtheria a year after the house had been fumigated-"of course only with sulphur." Pieces of membrane yielded cultures in fourteen weeks, none in sixteen weeks.

The following twelve points conclude this excellent paper :

1. The bacillus found in excretions of diseased mucous membranes is the cause of diphtheria.

2. Bacillus is disseminated by excretions deposited on articles within reach of patient.

3. Visible bacilli remain several days after disappearance of membrane.

4. Patient should be strictly isolated as long as bacilli remain in excretions. Children should remain from school at least four weeks.

5. Bacilli are visible in fragments of dried membrane for four or five months. Every article in room should therefore be either

boiled in water or subjected to a current of steam at 212° F.; floors to be scrubbed repeatedly with 1:1000 bichloride solution; walls and furniture rubbed down with bread.

6. Researches on viability of bacilli in moist state are not yet completed; damp rooms should be thoroughly dried, and a flood of light admitted before they are used again.

7. Bacilli still grow at 68° F.; they grow readily in milk. The sale of milk from dairies in which diphtheria abounds should be prohibited.

8. Diphtheroid diseases of various animals are not caused by bacilli of human diphtheria. Diphtheroid diseases of animals are not to be feared as sources of diphtheria in man.

9. Observations of Klein, on etiological identity of the cat disease with diphtheria in man, are no proof, and need further corroboration.

10. Lesions of mucous membrane favor the adhersion of diphtheritic virus. Susceptible individuals may, however, be infected without these lesions.

11. During prevalance of diphtheria the mouths and throats of children must be kept especially clean. Gargles and mouth washes of aromatic waters and weak bichloride solutions (1:10,000) should be used as a preventive.

12. Meteorological factors influencing development of diphtheria favorably are known to exist.—Tr. by Wm. Krauss, Memphis Jour. Med. Sci., Nov., 1850.

SUBCUTANEOUS INJECTION OF WATER AND ITS THERAPEUTIC USES .- Professor Sahli, of . Berne, has just published a paper in which he forcibly draws attention to a simple method of rapid and safe introduction of large quantities of water into the system, The method consists in the subcutaneous injection of a sterilized blood-warm physiological saline solution (that is, a 0.73 per cent. solution of chloride of sodium) by means of a large Erlenmeyer's flask, with an elastic tube and a hollow needle as thick as a knitting needle. As much as one litre of the solution can be easily injected in from five to fifteen minutes. If necessary, the procedure may be safely repeated four or five times a day. The best situation for the injection is the anterior abdominal wall. On each occasion the skin should previously be

thoroughly washed with soap and corrosive sublimate, and the puncture subsequently sealed with aseptic cotton-wool and collodion. Under such precautions not the slightest signs of any local reaction are ever observed. In some patients, especially in those with flabby abdominal integuments, the procedure causes but trifling pain ; in very sensitive or restless persons, however, general anæsthesia is advisable. The effects of the injection are thought to be as follows: 1. Under certain conditions they thoroughly wash out the patients system by inducing profuse diuresis accompanied by a strikingly increased elimination of solid constituents of the urine. 2. They dilute the body juices and poisonous substances present therein. 3. They furnish the necessary water supply to dehydrated tissues. 4 They aid the filling up of blood vessels, and thus raise an unduly lowered arterial tension. Subcutaneous injection of water is indicated: In cases of uræmia complicating the course of either acute or chronic nephritis, where the injection of a litre of the solution once or twice daily is, as a rule, rapidly followed by a striking abatement of all symptoms. The best results, however, are frequently obtained when the injections are combined with the internal administration of digitalis. 2.In the " typhoid " state, where frequently even after the very first injection delirium ceases, the pulse becomes stronger and fuller, the tongue moister, etc. 3. In Asiatic cholera, cholera morbus, infantile diarrhœa. 4. In poisoning by any toxic substances, but especially by those which are liable to be eliminated from the organisms through the kidneys. 5. In cases where an internal use of water should be avoided (in order to secure physiological rest of the gastro intestinal tract)-for instance, in cases of perforation of the stomach or bowel, peritonitis, iléus, etc. 6. In cases of acute anæmia from hæmorrhage. The method is contraindicated (1) in cases of incipient or expected pulmonary cedema; and (2) in the presence of severe dropsy.--Brit. Med. Journal, Sept. 20.

A SUIT for malpractice has been brought against the estate of a New England doctor who has been dead two years. The dead doctor amputated a man's arm several years ago. Lately, because of a painful stump, the arm was re-amputated. The patient thinks this due to unskilful work by the dead doctor, and wants \$20,000 from his savings. It would be a poor law that would permit action against a dead man.

TREATMENT OF NOCTURNAL INCONTINENCE. IN CHILDREN.-Dr. Van Tienhoven, of the Hague, suggests that in these patients, though the bladder acts normally through The questhe day, it misbehaves at night. tion is : " Shall the musc. detrusor urinæ or musc. sphincter vesicæ, or both, be blamed ?" He believes that the sphincter is not strong enough to keep back the urine which collects in the bladder in the early hours of the night and permits it to find its way into the prostatic portion of the urethra. The detrusor is thus reflexly stimulated, and the bladder is emptied.

In order to prevent the urine from running into the urethra in this way, the children were made to sleep with the pelvis raised. In this position the bladder is capable of holding a certain amount of urine before the liquid reaches the level of the urethral opening.

The foot of the bed must be elevated so that the bed forms an angle of forty-five degrees with the horizontal. The children should be sent to bed with empty bladders, and should not take any liquid just before retiring. They sleep well in this position and do not complain.—Correspondenblatt für Schweizer Aerzte.

INTESTINAL ANTISEPSIS IN TYPHOID FEVER. —The following treatment is recommended by Professor Teissier, of Lyons. Morning and evening a capsule of seven grains of Alpha-naphthol, with salicylate of bismuth. Sponge bath once in twenty-four hours. To restore the action of the kidneys after midday sponging, a rectal injection is given of one drachm of the extract of cinchona, and eight to fifteen grains of sulphate of quinine dissolved in sulphate of valerian.

The diet is restricted to Bordeaux wine, milk and broth. In almost all the cases treated in this way, complete antisepsis was realized about the fourth day of the treatment, this being recognized by the green tint of the urine. The temperature was lowered progressively, the albuminuria disappeared, the spleen regained its normal volume, and the tongue became moist and lost its furred condition.

After a regular fall of temperature, there then occured a series of marked thermic oscillations, lasting from four to eight days, the patient then passing to convalescence, a stage of the disease which was remarkably short. He further adds that through all the duration of the treatment the typhoid aspect was wanting.—*Therapeutic Gazette*. News, Notes and Personals.

DR. TAYLOR, of Charlottetown, passed through Halifax a few days ago, en route to England.

MEDICAL men from the city or country are made welcome at the Victoria General Hospital where Dr. D. A. Campbell is carrying out a series of inoculations with Koch's lymph.

By the hearty and prompt co-operation of the N. S. Provincial Government, the V. G. Hospital was in receipt of its first supply of lymph early in January.

DR. STODDARD, of Halifax, has returned from Berlin. The Dr. seems to have been very fortunate in quickly finding his way into the hospitals where the clinical experiments with Koch's lymph were being carried on. He reports immense numbers of American physicians in Berlin, not all of whom were seeing what they came for. Dr. Stoddard says that Koch himself has thorough faith in the efficacy of the lymph in phthisical cases which have not advanced to the stage of cavity formation.

HON. W. J. ALMON. M. D., on retiring from the consulting staff of the Victoria General Hospital, was tendered a complimentary dinner by the remaining members of the Board. The Hon. gentleman was presented with an address, in which reference was made to his lengthy and faithful medical services to the institution. Dr. Almon became a member of the consulting staff when the institution was founded, the patients having previously been accommodated in the Poors' Asylum, which had been under the medical care of the Almon's for three generations.

THERE is every prospect of a Dominion Bureau of vital statistics being established at Ottawa.

The writer, in conversation with Sir John Thompson a few months ago, having alluded to the subject, was assured by that distinguished gentleman that he fully realized the desirability and importance of a general system of vital statistics. He at the same time indicated his ideas as to the local government taking it in hand with the aid of the Dominion. We have lately learned of certain steps being taken towards the definite accomplishment of something in the matter.

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DR. GEO. WARBURTON has returned from India to his old home, Charlottetown, P. E. I., where he intends in future to reside. After having been in the Army Medical Service, Dr. Warburton retired a few years ago, since when he has lived in India.

CERTAIN French doctors claim very promising results from the injection of goat's blood into the veins of persons suffering from tuberculosis. It seems to have met with some confirmation in Paris. Goats, it appears, enjoy immunity from the disease.

We believe that a certain amount of physiological and anotomical knowledge should be considered as among the most important parts of an educational curriculum.

It is deplorable and unnecessary that intelligent people should have the crude and incongruous ideas of such subjects that are so commonly met with. Ignorance and superstition go hand in hand, and an ignorant superstition is at the bottom of much of the success (?) of quackery.

WE intend to take some notice of the subject of hospital and dispensary abuse. So far as the profession is concerned, the abuse is a greater evil, perhaps in the largercities where such institutions abound.

In a city like Edinburgh, where it is stated that about 50 per cent of the population receive free medical attention, it must be eruelly hard for a young doctor commencing practice to keep the wolf from the door, unless he has University or other powerful connections.

By the death of Dr. Jas. R. Fitch, which occurred at Wolfville on Christmas day, there is removed from the ranks of the profession, one of its oldest members.

The late Dr. Fitch graduated in medicine in 1830, at the University of Pennsylvania, and subsequently practiced in Wilmot and Wolfville, and in St. John, N. B. He commanded respect and affection, both as a faithful and skilful physician, and as a man of sterling character. On account of failing health, he retired from active practice eight years ago, and returned to Wolfville to rest amidst his relations and former patients. He was a brother of Dr. Simon Fitch, of Halifax, and father of Dr. J. N. Fitch, of Lakeville.

D. KOCH is 47 years old. After graduating at the University of Gottingen, he commenced practice is a little village near Hano-

ver, but failed to make a living. He then tried Rackwitz, a small malarious town in Prussian Poland, with no better results. Finally he settled in Wollstein, and in 1880 attracted much attention by his analysis and medical testimony in the famous Speichert poisoning case. In 1882 he discovered the bacillus of tuberenlosis, and in 1883 the germ of cholera while acting as the head of a medical commission sent by the German Government to Egypt and India to study the causes and mevention of cholera. Ôn his return to Germany he received an honorarium of 100,000 marks, the rank of Privy Councillor, and the rectorship of the Imperial Institute of Hygiene.-Canarl. Pract.

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Books and Pamphlets Received.

BULLETIN OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MEDICINE.

- SPINAL SURGERY; A REPORT OF EIGHT CASES. By Robert Abbé, New York.
- FOREIGN BODIES IN THE EYE. By David Webster, M. D., New York.
- POVERTY SUPERSEDED; A NEW POLITICAL ECONOMY. By A. P. Reid, M. D., Dartmouth.
- A TEXT BOOK OF HYGIENE. By Geo. H. Rohé, M. D.
- Circulars 28, 29 and 30 of State Board of Health of Pennsylvania.

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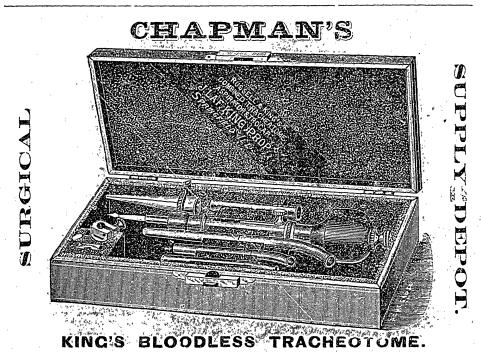
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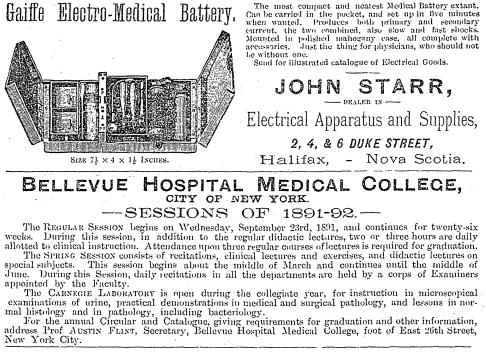
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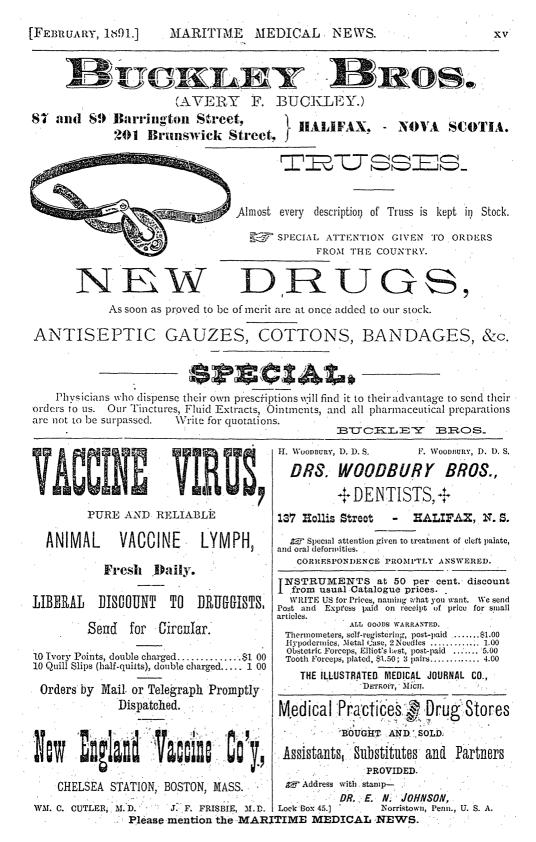
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