

be had recourse to, but the writer looks upon a solution of nitrate of silver as most proper to prevent a relapse. He mentions two cases of mucous polypus which he extracted, where he afterwards touched the upper and lateral parts of the nasal fossæ with a nitrate of silver solution seven or eight times, and in these no relapse has taken place. One was operated on two years ago, and the other six months since.

REGULATIONS OF THE COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

In reply to the remarks contained in the "Medical Gazette" and "Medical Press" of this week, we publish the following extract from a letter written by Mr. Guthrie on the 15th of July, 1842, and recently published by Mr. Guthrie himself:—

"The difficulty has been removed by the kindness of the Court of Examiners, who *have* (?) and are admitting gentlemen of their standing (i. e., older members of the profession, who have no qualification to obtain that of the college), to examination *on their merits practically, without reference* to the regulations which are in force as to their education."

So, then, the Court of Examiners have been for many months back smuggling *unqualified* and, for aught any one knows, uneducated men through the college.

Mr. Guthrie seems to think it a very laudable proceeding. But we cannot condemn the college of such base deception as this would imply, without better evidence than that of the worthy ex-president, who must surely labor under some strange bewilderment.

SUPPOSED ANTIVARIOLOUS PROPERTIES OF TARTAR EMETIC PUSTULES.

M. Lichtenstein has published a curious article on this subject in "Huffland's Journal." His attention having been excited by the similarity of appearance between the small-pox and tartar emetic pustules, he was led to make some experiments on the properties of the latter. Clear lymph taken from the pustules produced by friction with the tartar emetic ointment, was introduced, in the usual manner, underneath the epidermis of persons who had not been vaccinated. It gave rise to pustules which it was impossible to distinguish from those produced by vaccine matter. The lymph of the tartar emetic pustules was inoculated from individual to individual, and invariably gave rise to pustules of the same form, and attended by the same symptoms.

Since the year 1836 the author affirms that he has practised thirty-one vaccinations and re-vaccinations with the matter from tartar emetic pustules; the persons thus vaccinated were placed in intimate relation with individuals affected with small-pox during an epidemic of that disease, and they all escaped contagion.

Many further experiments will be required before the conclusions of the author can be admitted; in the

meantime, we would take the liberty of directing the attention of Mr. Ceely to this curious and interesting subject.

MEZEREON OINTMENT.

M. Hoffmann, of Landau, gives the following formula for the preparation of this ointment:—Take alcoholic extract of Mezereon bark, 4 scruples; alcohol, 15 scruples; dissolve, and add 230 scruples of lard, and 30 scruples of white wax. Mix.

This ointment may be employed to keep up suppuration, or as a revulsive, in frictions on the skin.—*Arch. der Phar.*

SURREY COUNTY GAOL.

A vacancy in the office of surgeon to this gaol having occurred through the death of Mr. Malcolm, no less than twelve gentlemen have addressed the magistrates as candidates for the situation.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

War-office, November 1.

35th Foot—Surgeon David Lister, from the staff, to be surgeon, vice Sillery, promoted.

Hospital Staff—Surgeon Robert Sillery, M.D., from the 35th, to be staff-surgeon of 1st class, vice James Wilson, who retires on half-pay; Staff Assistant-surgeon Robert Allan, to be staff-surgeon of 2nd class, vice Lister; Alexander John Fraser, M.B., to be assistant-surgeon to forces, vice Allan.

NAVAL.

Assistant-surgeons—D. Wilson, to the Naval Hospital, Plymouth; W. Hammond, to the Resistance.

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