

my late brewings, not being in the former ones. I quite agree with Dr. Murrell as to the good tar works, and its invaluable to men having the care of parishes and clubs, and also to their private patients, for I have seen this do good where the more expensive and delicate flavoured mixtures were nowhere.

THE TITLE OF DR. AND L.R.C.P. ED., OLD AND NEW.

DR. WILLIAM DONOVAN (Birmingham) writes: While holding very strongly the view put forward some time back, "that the L.R.C.P. Ed. admitted prior to 1870 are and were entitled to use the title of Dr.," I would, with your permission, point out an alteration made by the College, whereby their old Licentiate are still further removed from the new ones. When I was admitted a Licentiate in 1869, I was presented with a copy of the rules and by-laws of the College. One rule was that "any Fellow, Member, or Licentiate who should by himself, co-partner, or assistant keep open shop for the sale of drugs or any other merchandise, should forfeit any rights or privileges he enjoyed as such Fellow, Member, or Licentiate." Now I have been informed that the rule has been dropped out of sight. And as the College has, by withdrawing this rule, and discouraging the use of the title of Dr., instituted a lower order of Licentiates, thus placing itself in competition with the Society of Apothecaries, I think the College ought (in justice to those who received the licence of the College under the older order of things) to grant some privilege whereby we may be distinguished from our younger brethren in the Licentiate-ship, an acknowledgment of its having conferred the Doctorate or the Membership.

TRUSSES FOR HERNIA.

M.D. writes: I have just read the description of Professor Rushton Parker's new truss for hernia, which certainly appears to be a very admirable instrument, but when a hernia becomes, as he describes, large, unwieldy, and wide-necked, then from some long experience I do not think a more suitable instrument can be obtained than the water-pad truss made by Messrs. J. F. Pratt and Co., of 43, Oxford Street, W. They are made with large triangular-shaped pads of stout rubber filled with water, and overlap the pubes well, so as to prevent any chance of the gut escaping from the lower segment of the bagged ring. They are comfortable to wear, and as compared with a variety of other trusses I have tried, are more effective in their support and permit much freer motion than any I have tried. I am quite sure that medical men will not do amiss in recommending any of their patients to the care of Messrs. Pratt.

DIETARY OF A HOMEOPATHIC HOSPITAL.

A CORRESPONDENT has discovered the following humorous lines in the Edinburgh Medical Journal, vol. iii (1857-8).

Take a robin's leg
(Mind! the drumstick merely),
Put it in a tub
Filled with water nearly;
Set it out of doors
In a place that's shady;
Let it stand a week
(Three days if for a lady).
Drop a spoonful of it
In a five-pail kettle,
Which may be made of tin
Or any baser metal;
Fill the kettle up,
Set it on a-bolling,
Skim the liquor well
To prevent its oiling;
One atom add of salt,
For the thick'ning one rice kernel,
And use to light the fire,

The Homeopathic Journal.

Let the liquor boil
Half an hour, no longer
(If 'tis for a man
Of course you'll make it stronger).
Should you now desire
That the soup be flavoured,
Stir it once around
With a stalk of savory.
When the broth is made
Nothing can excel it;
Then three times a day
Let the patient smell it.
If he chance to die,
Say 'twas Nature did it;
If he chance to live
Give the soup the credit.

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