

tinuing the drug for twenty-four or thirty-six hours. In the great majority of cases all aches and pains are relieved most promptly and satisfactorily; and fortunately the relief comes and the frequent doses are cut down before any intolerable salicylism is produced. I became so confident of the remedy as to frequently promise relief from all pain within four hours, and was not often disappointed.

In glancing over the references in last year's **BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL** to influenza, I find Dr. MacLagan (Jan. 11th, p. 103) speaks strongly of salicin in 20 to 30-grain doses every hour for four or five hours, and then every two or three hours; but says he had not ventured to use full doses of salicylate of sodium in so prostrating a disease. Dr. Hunt (Jan. 11th, p. 95) speaks well of salicylates and antipyrin, and both combined. Professor Eichhorst, of Zurich (April 12th, p. 864), recommended 1-gramme doses of salicylic acid hourly until noises were heard in the ears; and Dr. Batten (June 14th, p. 1411) speaks very highly of sodium salicylate (7 to 10 gr.) combined with antipyrin (5 to 8 gr.) every one to three hours. On the other hand, several adverse remarks appear about the danger of using salicylates, antipyrin, antifebrin, etc., in so depressing a complaint. We have surely had sufficient experience during 1890-91 to claim some definite advance for the future in the treatment of influenza; and my own observation points most decidedly to the view that salicylates diminish rather than increase the depression, both by promptly relieving pain and by apparently rapidly cutting short the disease.

#### MEDICAL PRACTICE IN THE ARGENTINA.

**DR. JOHN O'CONNOR**, M.A. (Resident Medical Officer of the British Hospital, Buenos Ayres) sends the following particulars as to the regulations governing the practice of medicine in Argentina. Assuming a man has a double British qualification (medical and surgical); (a) it is necessary for him, before setting out, to present his diplomas at the Argentine Consulate for inspection and legalisation by the Consul, for which a fee of £1 4s. 0d. is usually charged; (b) on arrival in Buenos Ayres, the diplomas must be taken to the Foreign Office, in order that the signature of the Argentine Consul at home may be verified by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the fee for this is two dollars; (c) supposing the medical man is not sufficiently acquainted with Spanish to present himself for the examinations, he must proceed to the Governor of the province in which he intends to practise, and obtain his permission to practise his profession for a period not exceeding six months, such permission is usually conceded, in order that the foreign medical man may have an opportunity of making up sufficient Spanish; (d) it is compulsory on all medical men to pass the necessary examinations in the University of Buenos Ayres, or in the University of Cordoba, the entrance fee is 300 dollars. The subjects of the three examinations are (1) General anatomy with dissections, physiology, pathology, diseases of the eye, and diseases of women; (2) Clinical surgical case, operations on the cadaver, practical surgery, histology, materia medica, mental pathology; (3) Clinical medical case, general medicine, pathology, midwifery, toxicology, and hygiene. These examinations may be all passed together, usually a week or ten days intervening, or singly with a session or more elapsing. The examinations are all *à viva voce*, and conducted in the following manner; a commission of six examiners is appointed, they all sit together at one table, and each examiner has ten minutes at the candidate, of course all answers must be given in Spanish. The pass standard is 50 per cent., failing to score in any one subject disqualifies. The class of questions are precisely similar to those asked by the "examining bodies" in Great Britain and Ireland, and are of a very searching character, especially in pathology.

The examiners, as a rule, show the most marked politeness to strangers, and (let not this be forgotten) they expect the same in return. It is necessary to have a fair conversational knowledge of the language before presenting oneself for the examinations, but according to the experience of some English medical men in Buenos Ayres, if a candidate shows himself efficient in the subjects of his examination, the examiners show every consideration to his shortcomings in Spanish. If a candidate fails to pass the first examination, he loses half the entrance fee, and cannot present himself again for six months.

(e) After passing the three examinations, he is sworn in to conform with the ordinary rules of professional etiquette, and then has to proceed to La Plata to have his name enrolled on the list of those duly qualified to practise their profession in the Argentine Republic.

The object I have in view in bringing these regulations before the profession, is to prevent men coming out to this country without first having their diplomas properly legalised by the Argentine Consul at home, for it causes much inconvenience to a medical man to have to wait, say in Buenos Ayres, for three or four months until his diplomas are sent home to be legalised.

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