

encounter precisely the same amount of difficulty as that which presented itself to the English dentists. The American dental colleges have an independent curriculum of study, and, connected with them, are dental hospitals and dispensaries. The pupils are taught every branch of the dental art, by a course of study that embraces dental anatomy, physiology, special pathology and therapeutics, chemistry and metallurgy, the principles and practice of dental surgery, operative dentistry, and dental mechanism. Having gone through the prescribed course of study, the pupils are examined by the professors in each department; and if the examinations be passed in a satisfactory manner, a diploma is granted, which authorises the holder to assume the title of "Doctor of Dental Surgery." Much has been said about their wishing to adopt the *modus operandi* of the dentists of the United States; but their only objects were to raise their *status*, to give professional skill its rightful pre-eminence, and to crush that charlatanism which has, in too many instances, succeeded in preying upon the public health and purse. Mr. Robinson concluded by drawing attention to the preliminary course of lectures which had been arranged; which, if diligently attended to from the commencement, would be found to form a very solid foundation for following studies.

#### ENCOURAGEMENT OF HOMŒOPATHY.

A MEETING of the honorary medical officers of the Liverpool Royal Infirmary was holden on Wednesday, the 18th instant, to take into consideration Mr. Long's reply to certain letters which had appeared in the ASSOCIATION MEDICAL JOURNAL in December and January last, Henry Stubbs, Esq., in the chair. Mr. Long's letter to the Editor of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL (inserted on the 14th instant) was read, and not considered by the meeting to be sufficiently explicit.

Mr. Long then made a further statement, *i.e.*, "that if he had known he should have been placed in such a position as to have met a gentleman who had the reputation of practising homœopathy, he would not have gone to the case."

It was thereupon resolved, "That in the opinion of this meeting, it is not in accordance with professional etiquette to be associated in the treatment of disease with anyone who practises homœopathy."

HENRY STUBBS, F.R.C.S., *Chairman*.

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**SUICIDE BY STRYCHNINE.** A painful sensation was created in Newport (Isle of Wight) lately, by the report of the death of Mr. William Gummow, from strychnine, administered by his own hands. On proceeding to view the body, the coroner's jury found deceased in the same position in bed, in which he died. His eyeballs seemed ready to burst from their sockets; his teeth were tightly closed; the features drawn and contracted, and the whole countenance frightfully distorted; his fists were firmly clinched; his feet forced out beyond the foot of the bed; and his limbs in a state of fixed rigidity. The poison was bought by the servant of the suicide. The druggist recollected the latter coming to his shop and asking for arsenic to kill rats. He gave him three grains of strychnine. "I have sold the same," said the druggist, "for killing rats for four or five years to many persons. I write the word 'Poison' on my packages, and have not a printed label." The coroner and jury observed it would be much better to have a printed label. The deceased took the whole three grains. The doctor who attended him first tried strong emetics, which produced no effect. He then applied the stomach-pump, but the patient's mouth was so firmly fixed, and the spasms and violent paroxysms were so powerful, that he could not in any way apply it. His body was bent in a curved form. They were only such symptoms as would be produced by strychnine or hydrophobia. The spasms contracted and bent the feet, and the hands were clinched too; and he died in one of those convulsions, quite black in the face. The right side of the heart was found full of blood, and the left empty. The lungs were blacker than usual, but the other organs were healthy. (*Hants Advertiser*.)

**MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.** On this (Saturday) evening, a paper will be read by Jabez Hogg, Esq., "On the Ophthalmoscope; its value as a Diagnostic Aid in some Diseases of the Eye."

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Dr. LITTLE's communication shall appear next week.

Communications have been received from:—MR. E. R. BICKERSTETH; MR. THOMAS CHARLES; DR. R. U. WEST (Alford); MR. JAMES LONG; DR. F. BRITTON; DR. FREDERICK J. BROWN; DR. JAMES OGDEN; MR. R. GRIFFIN; DR. W. O. MARKHAM; DR. JAMES JOHNSTON; MR. OLIVER PEMBERTON; DR. G. B. HALFORD; DR. HAYES JACKSON; DR. CHARLES COWDELL; MR. F. SPURRELL; MR. W. J. SLINN; MR. THOMAS MARTIN; MR. CROSBY LEONARD; MR. J. S. GAMGEE; DR. J. C. REID; DR. EDWARD SMITH; DR. J. C. HALL; MR. R. W. WATKINS; DR. J. G. SWAYNE; MR. E. McDERMOT; DR. ARNOTT; MR. T. HOLMES; DR. J. R. NICHOLSON; DR. NELSON; MR. J. BASSETT; MR. STONE; A STUDENT; MR. AUGUSTIN PRICHARD; DR. G. BUCHANAN; DR. LITTLE; and DR. MERRIMAN.

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