

taken from the body of a man of broken-down constitution, who had labored under dropsy, connected with that state of the kidney which is denominated Bright's disease. The surface of the kidney was yet smooth, its substance was yellow, and had no tendency to contract; it was analogous to the pale yellow liver, and it was evident that this was not the first state of the contracted kidney. The liver appeared to be undergoing a similar change of structure, and externally there was a deposit of lymph upon it.

In this case the urine had been slightly albuminous. It had been observed that the quantity of albumen is greatest in the early stages, and diminishes as the disease proceeds. The very low specific gravity of the urine, ranging from 1001 to 1005, indicating the presence of but one-twelfth of its usual solid ingredients, showed that the disease was of the worst and most fatal form.—*Dublin Journal*.

#### IODURET OF SULPHUR IN PORRIGO.

Dr. William Davidson states that he has found no remedy so efficacious in the treatment of porrigo as the ioduret of sulphur, having repeatedly succeeded in curing the patient permanently with it after a long and fruitless trial with other remedies. His method of treatment is the following:—The head is first well washed with soap and water, the hair is then cut as short as possible with scissors, a poultice is applied, and continued for a day or two if necessary, to soften the crusts, which being removed as thoroughly as possible, the hair is closely shaved. In general, the ointment is not applied until the head has been shaved, but if pediculi be present, it is employed from the commencement, in order speedily to extinguish these vermin. The proportion of ioduret of sulphur employed has varied from twenty to forty grains to one ounce of axunge; but, in general, the latter quantity may be safely used from the beginning, unless there be some unusual inflammatory action present, for it seldom excites any particular pain or irritation. As a general rule, the daily application of the ointment will be sufficient, but in some cases it is advisable to use it twice a-day in order to facilitate the cure. Alteratives, or any particular internal treatment, have rarely been resorted to when the general health was tolerably good. Laxatives have occasionally been prescribed, and a mild farinaceous or milk diet.—*Edinb. Monthly Journal*.

#### CORONERSHIP OF DURHAM.

Two medical men, Mr. Morrison and Mr. Nixon, have declared themselves as candidates for the vacancy which is about to take place in the office of district coroner at Durham. We trust that the freeholders of the county will follow the example given to them by

Middlesex and many other counties in the United Kingdom, by electing a medical man to the office.

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The request of *Mr. Evans* shall be attended to.

The note from an *Union Surgeon* and member of the *P. A.* has been received. We shall probably allude to it in our next number.

*L'Experience*.—We should feel obliged to the editor of this journal if he would address his numbers to us instead of simply marking London on them. We also take the opportunity of informing him that the "*Transactions of the Medico-Chirurgical Society*" are not exchanged for journals, either domestic or foreign.

*Mr. Wraith's case of Caesarean Operation* has been received, and shall appear in our next.

*A Dispensary Surgeon, Ireland*.—We shall willingly lend every assistance that we can afford towards defeating the scheme of the commissioners. The Medical Association of Ireland and the editors of the "*Dublin Medical Press*" are waging battle for the profession in a manner which is beyond all praise.

*The Independent Journal*.—Some little exaggeration may be permitted, but it is a great fraud to require 7000 bills from tradesmen and advertisers, whereas 3000 are not employed. Not many years ago the house of Longman and Co. took 1700 copies of the journal in question; they now take between 500 and 600. In Ireland, the house of Messrs. Hodges and Smith took 500; they now take seven or eight copies only. These are facts, not words.

#### ERRATUM.

In our last number, page 291, col 2, line 23, read "where the brain or heart is affected," for "where the brain or head is affected."

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