ART. XIII.—*Veratria and Morphia in Incontinence of Urine.* By THOS. KENNARD, M. D., Assistant Physician to the Blackwell's Island Hospitals, New York.

CASE I.—Moses Kitten, æt. 28, white, engineer, native of New York, was admitted into the Penitentiary Hospital, Blackwell's Island, May 12, 1856, suffering from delirium tremens, with apoplexy, followed by complete paralysis, which kept him in an insensible state for three weeks, during which time he had to be fed with a spoon. On recovering from this, he had no control over his sphincter muscles, discharging both feces and urine involuntarily, for which he was treated during June and July without avail. On the 8th of August he was placed under my charge, when I ordered him to rub the perineum three times daily with the following ointment: R.—*Morphiæ sulphatis*, *veratria*, āā gr. x; *axungiæ*, ℥j.—Ft. ung. This treatment was continued three days, when no further inconvenience was experienced, and the control over the sphincters was as perfect as ever before.

CASE II.—John Kipp, æt. 80, native of New York, was admitted to the hospital at the Almshouse, Blackwell's Island, on the 20th of September, 1856, for contusion from a fall. On examining him, and finding his clothes wet, I learned that he had had no control of his sphincter vesicæ for eight years, and was wholly unable to prevent involuntary discharges. Being unable to assign a positive reason for his state, I ordered him to rub the morphia and veratria ointment on the perineum three times daily, and in one week from commencing its use no further trouble was experienced.

CASE III.—John Flynn, æt. 56, native of Ireland, labourer, was admitted to the Almshouse Hospital, September 15, suffering from paraplegia of four years' standing, two years of which time he has had no control over his bladder, but passed his urine involuntarily. I ordered strychnia gr. $\frac{1}{15}$ twice daily for the paralysis, and to rub the perineum three times daily with the morphia and veratria ointment. Two weeks from this time he was cured of the incontinence of urine, and went on rapidly improving till the end of a month, when he was discharged, nearly well.

ART. XIV.—*Case of Poisoning from Wine of Colchicum.* By THOS. KENNARD, M. D., Assistant Physician to the Blackwell's Island Hospitals, New York.

MARY MULLEN, widow, æt. 56, a native of Ireland, came under my care at the Almshouse, Blackwood's Island, New York City, on the 23d of Septem-