

spoken of was chloral. He mentioned a case in which the albumen disappeared from the urine as long as chloral was given, and reappeared as soon as it was stopped. There were different forms of albuminuria. That of pregnancy was not the same as that which caused the serous effusion of dropsy. Chloral had, perhaps, some influence in changing the character of the albumen.

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TO SUBSCRIBERS.

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We have received a copy of the first number of *L'Abeille Medicale*, Journal de l'Ecole de Médecine et Chirurgie de Montréal, de l'Hôpital Hôtel Dieu, de Maternité Ste. Pelagie et des Dispensaires. Redacteur en chef. Ts. E. d'Odet d'Orsonnens, M.D.

The history of the attempt of Laval University to establish a Medical branch in Montreal must be fresh in the minds of our readers, as well as the fact that so far the attempt has failed, and the Montreal School of Medicine still exists, triumphant, and perhaps defiant. We do not intend, at all events at present, to enter into the merits of the dispute, but simply to announce that the journal, the name of which heads this notice, appears as the property and the mouthpiece of the Montreal School of Medicine. We wish we could congratulate it on its appearance, but honestly we cannot do so, for School Medical Journals are in our opinion a nuisance, which we would exterminate as we should the Colorado Beetle. We make this statement carefully, candidly and thoughtfully, and well aware what some will say. The present number is well got up, and has some good selections. Did it appeal to a larger constituency than the graduates of the "School," it would be sure we think to receive considerable support. Its very announcement, however, is not likely to captivate the profession generally.

The present number contains a protest on the part of the "School of Medicine and Surgery" with reference to the Laval difficulty, which is intended as a contribution to the Medical politics of the country. It strikes one as somewhat singular, however, that the Editor and some of the contributors to *L'Abeille Medicale* are announced in it as connected with and Professors in the Montreal School of Medicine, while our contemporary, *L'Union Médicale du Canada*, advertises these same gentlemen as Professors in Laval. Surely they cannot be double-headed professors.

We appeal to our readers for original communications. It is not creditable to the large number of the profession in every section of the Dominion, who receive the RECORD, that they so seldom furnish us with the results of their observations. We fear that among many the habit of keeping notes is not so prevalent as it should be. If this is the case, the loss is a double one, first to the practitioner, in whom note-taking would be sure to develop a closer and more systematic investigation of disease, and secondly, the medical public, who lose the details and the results of many important cases.

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PERSONAL.

Dr. Brown, of Beachville, Ont., has been appointed Assistant Physician to the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, London, Ont., in place of Dr. E. H. Beemer, who has been appointed Resident Physician to the Refractory Department of the Asylum, which has just been completed and opened for the reception of patients.

Sir William Jenner has just retired from the Chair of Morbid Anatomy, in University