

ages," H. P. H. Galloway, Toronto; "Rosacea," Graham Chambers, Toronto.

There will be a clinic on the second day at the Victoria Hospital for sick children.

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### THE TEETH OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

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There is no doubt that the American habit (Canadian, too) of indulging in soft diet, and of drinking largely after each mouthful at meals, has a great deal to do with the deterioration of children's teeth. The immediate cause of the decay of the teeth, of course, is microbic, through whose action disintegration of the tooth substance takes place. One of the chief abuses in dental surgery is the early extraction of the temporary teeth and of some of the permanent teeth. This maleficent practice prevents the complete growth of the dental arch and consequently predisposes to the crowding of the after-coming teeth. The smallness of the jaws transmits itself by heredity to on-coming generations. It should be considered a crime to extract all the teeth of a person whose jaws have not yet reached maturity. The question of the prevention of the decay of teeth of future generations is one of the most supreme importance, not only from the standpoint of appearance, but from that which is of much more moment, the health of future generations. Without sound teeth there cannot be sound digestion, and without sound digestion there cannot be sound health. If the teeth of school children were periodically examined by a dental inspector and their condition reported on to the parents, this would be one great step toward lessening what threatens to be a calamity to the race.

### THE TRINITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

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Our congratulations are extended to the late president and officers of the Trinity Alumni Association for the unqualified success of their recent meeting and banquet. The papers by Drs. Vaux, Grassett, Yale, Stockton and Howitt, (short resumes of which will be found in our report on another page) were of a high order of merit, being both scientific and practical. The American visitors were well received and much appreciated. It is a matter of much satisfaction to see the cordiality which exists between the medical men of the United States and Canada. We must commend the society on the choice of its President-elect, and Dr. Howitt, of the Royal City, on the honor conferred on him by his fellow graduates of Old Trinity.

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### THE SLAUGHTER OF THE INNOCENTS.

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In "Toronto the Good," the home of so many charities, there is, we think, one thing lacking. Every man knows, especially he whose work lies in the more populous and less sanitary districts, that during the summer months infants die by the hundreds and thousands. Medicines are useless. The nursing is vile. Even though district nurses are procured the mortality is little lessened. Unless the child can be got away from its filthy surroundings little can be done; so what is wanted is a hospital for these very young children. Children under six months, we understand, are not admitted to the Victoria Hospital for Sick Children. We would like to see something done to lessen this great infant mortality.