

ing will be delivered at the University of Pennsylvania.

The Secretaries of State and Territorial Medical Societies are requested to forward without delay to the Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, I. Minis Hays, M.D., 1607 Locust St., Philadelphia, lists of their duly accredited delegates to the Congress.

Delegates and visitors intending to attend the Congress are earnestly requested individually to notify immediately the same Committee.

This information is desired to facilitate registration, and to ensure proper accommodation for the Congress.

Members intending to participate in the Public (subscription) Dinner of the Congress will please notify the Secretary of the Committee on Entertainment, J. Ewing Mears, M.D., 1429 Walnut St., Philadelphia.

Gentlemen intending to make communications upon scientific subjects, or to participate in any of the debates, will please notify the Commission before the fifteenth of August.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.—EXAMINERS IN THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE FOR 1877.—Physiology and Comparative Anatomy, C. Y. Moore, M.B.; Surgery and Anatomy, W. J. Wagner, M.B.; Medicine and Therapeutics, A. Beith, M.B.; Midwifery and Medical Jurisprudence, W. Forrest, B.A., M.D. *Medicine and Arts*.—Chemistry, R. A. Reeve, B.A., M.D.; Natural History, Prof. R. Ramsay Wright, M.A., B.Sc.

THE CANADIAN MEDICAL MUTUAL Benefit Association has elected the following officers for the ensuing year:—President, Dr. Hodder; Vice-Presidents, Dr. Canniff, Dr. Jas. H. Richardson; Sec.-Treas. Dr. Bridgman; Directors—Drs. Winstanley, Pyne, Agnew, Rosebrugh, De La Hooke, and Oldwright, of Toronto; Dr. Jukes, St. Catharines; Dr. Lander, London; and Dr. Henderson, Ottawa.

CANADA MEDICAL SURGICAL JOURNAL.—Our Montreal contemporary has come out in a new dress. The leaves being cut is a great improvement, and the addition of a department of translations from foreign journals will be valued by all who interest themselves in the advance of medical science.

## Communications.

To the Editor of the CANADIAN JOURNAL OF MEDICAL SCIENCE.

### HINTS ON THE USE OF ATROPINE.

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As atropine is invaluable in ophthalmic practice, and, indeed, should be used much more largely than it is, it is highly desirable that its poisonous nature should not prevent its faithful application whenever indicated. Those who apply it constantly and in a great variety of cases, see its toxic effects so seldom, that it were a great pity to allow one instance of such, or even the occasional occurrence, to have undue weight. Every ophthalmic surgeon is compelled to put it into the hands of nurses and attendants, many of whom are ignorant or heedless. The rarity of misadventure, therefore, attests the immunity of patients when the drug is properly prescribed, but offers no palliation for its careless use.

These remarks have been prompted by the record of "*Atropia poisoning from the application of a solution to the Eye*," by Dr. Nettleship, (*Brit. Med. Journal*, April 8, 1876).

A woman, æt 44, had a mild attack of iritis in one eye, and sol. Atropiæ sulph. grs. iv. ad. ʒi. was ordered Jan. 29, to be used several times a day. "This was repeated at her next visit, Feb. 2nd. She then did not come again till the 12th, when she excused her absence by saying that she had been ill with a bad 'bilious attack.' On further inquiry it transpired that the chief symptoms of this 'bilious attack' had been dryness of the mouth and throat, a sour taste in the mouth, dryness and burning in the stomach, repeated vomiting, and partial delirium. These symptoms had not entirely passed off, and she still had the dryness of the mouth, and sense of burning at the stomach. The drops had lasted since the former visit, she had been using them all the time, and the pupil of the inflamed eye had become widely dilated. There was no dilatation of the other pupil. The atropine was discontinued, and her disagreeable symptoms subsided in a few days."

We make no comments on this particular case, but venture to affirm that it were infir-