

THE PLAGUE IN BRAZIL.—Bad as was the plague in Russia, a still worse scourge has existed in Brazil. Thousands of persons have fallen victims to its ravages. It first commenced after the drought in 1877, which occasioned a partial famine. It continued through 1878, first in the form of small-pox, then followed cholera, yellow fever and a peculiar disease known there as beriberi, and finally a disease resembling the Russian plague. The death rate at one time amounted to 1,000 per day in a population of 75,000, the largest death rate probably on record.

PROHIBITORY REGISTRATION.—To show the feeling of the profession in Ontario in regard to the recent action of the Executive Committee of the Council, we publish the following as a sample of the letters we are receiving on this subject:

SIR:—I am glad to see by the April number of the *LANCET* that you uphold the view I have always held on the registration question, and oppose this foolish, undignified and unprofessional trades-union-like action on the part of the council in seeking to impose a prohibitory registration for our British graduates. I can only compare it in my own mind with the attempt made last session of the Canadian Parliament by the British Columbia people to exclude Chinamen from that province, and I sincerely hope it will be equally unsuccessful.

ERGOT AND SODIUM BROMIDE IN EPILEPSY.—Prof. Bauduy reports (*Cin. Lancet and Clinic*) a case of epilepsy of 16 years standing, which was cured by giving twenty grains of bromide of sodium, with half a drachm of fluid extract of ergot three times a day. This treatment was continued a year and a half, and four years have elapsed without the recurrence of a fit.

LADY PEDESTRIANISM.—The Medical Society of Philadelphia has entered its protest against the barbarities inflicted on women in the name of physical culture and pedestrianism, and has called on the Mayor to put a stop to it. The "Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals" should interpose if nothing else will arrest this stupid and insane folly.

TORONTO SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.—The following are the names of the prizemen at the recent school examinations: First year, J. T. Duncan; second year, J. H. Duncan; third year, Cross; fourth year, Clapp.

MALTINE.—This new preparation is rapidly growing in favor among those who have tested it in their practice. In England it has received the attention of some of the most eminent physicians. It is a highly concentrated extract of malted barley, wheat and oats, and contains all the medicinal and nutritious qualities of these cereals. It is prepared with great care, so as to preserve intact the various principles which it contains. Maltine has been used with great success in the treatment of nervous debility, indigestion, pulmonary affections, wasting diseases of children, and during convalescence generally. The manufacturers have combined it with iron, quinine, pepsine, pancreatine, extract of beef, wine etc., in preparations which are elegant in appearance, palatable to the taste, easily administered, and which fully meet the requirements of medical practitioners.

TWIN BIRTHS WITH AN INTERVAL OF THREE DAYS.—Dr. Post, of Beirut, Syria, (*Med. Record*), reports a case of twin births with an interval of three days between the birth of the first child which was living, and the second which was still-born. The woman was attended by a midwife. The labor pains ceased immediately after the birth of the first child and the liquor amnii continued to escape for thirty hours. At this time the doctor was called in, but the woman refused to permit an examination, except by palpation over the abdomen. The feeling was that of a gravid uterus at full term. He left her, declining to give ergot unless allowed a satisfactory examination, and was informed that she was delivered of the second child on the third day.

OPENINGS FOR MEDICAL MEN.—There is an opening for a medical in Heathcote, Ont. Also, one wanted, to whom a bonus would in all probability be given, at Amherst Island.

The death of Dr. Geo. B. Wood, of Philadelphia, author of "Wood's Practice of Medicine," etc., is announced in our American exchanges.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS, LONDON.—The following is the official list of officers. President, J. R. Bennett; Treasurer, E. J. Farre; Secretary, H. A. Pitman; Examiners, Drs. Beale, Pavy, Priestley, Harley, Dickinson, Braxton Hicks, Moxon, Bastian, Liveing, Bernays, Thos. Smith and Croft.