

In 1887, no less than 9,150 cases of this disease were reported in the French army. As the direct result of improved water supplies to barracks and camps, there has been a steady diminution in the number of cases of this disease up to the present. In 1894 only 2,788 cases were reported. No better example of the influence of a pure water supply in the prevention of typhoid can be found than in Vienna. Previous to the new supply typhoid was very frequent, but now it is a comparatively uncommon disease in the Austrian capital.

—The foreign and colonial edition of the *British Medical Journal* is now printed on a better and thicker quality of paper. This will prove a great boon to the many readers of this edition. If the advertisements were printed in smaller type, it would allow the publishers room for the use of larger type in the reading matter. Such a change, we are sure, would also be very acceptable. The object of specially small type and thin paper is to save postage. The same end would be gained by printing the advertisements in ordinary type. Enough space would be gained to allow of the same quality of paper as is used in the edition for the home readers and the type of the reading matter could also then be made the same throughout.

—For many years the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Quebec have appointed assessors to visit and take part in the examinations of those students who intend qualifying for the practice of their profession in this Province. Every year they have reported on the character of the examination, but we believe none of these reports have reached the profession. Recently these reports have been much more full and complete than in former years, and it is the bounden duty of the Council to make them public. The profession have to pay both Council and assessors for the work they do, and of necessity they should know what they are paying for. The minutes of the meeting of the Council held last September has just been issued in French (only), but it contains no account of the character or extent of the examinations held by the different Universities.