

Mr. MATHISON, the superintendent of the institution for the deaf and dumb at Be'leville, desires it to be generally known that the institution is open to the deaf mute of the Province, and every deaf mute child in Ontario, whether the parents are poor or rich, may share in the many advantages the In-

stitution affords, such as tuition, board, care etc. Over 700 mute children have been entered upon the books there and a large majority of these are spread all over the Province, bearing testimony to the great benefit they have received.

## OBSERVATIONS AND ANNOTATIONS.

THE cholera, from late reports, Sept. 15, appeared to be abating in Italy, but increasing in Austria. The entire mortality in Europe for about four months has been about 3,000. The geographical area affected has exhibited the usual capricious behavior of the disease, and in spreading, overleaps as it were large extents of country, being most severe in low lying malarious districts. The chances of it reaching this continent this year are now getting very few. Truly it is giving America abundance of time for preparation.

In England last month the Local Government Board issued a circular, dated August 7th, urging upon the local health authorities the importance of continuing, without intermission, all precautions within their power against the infection. With the circular was issued the pamphlet of instructions on prophylactics which had been issued on a former occasion.

THE outbreak of small-pox at Donald and the summit of the Selkirks, N. W. T., in the early part of the season, has been entirely stamped out by the prompt and vigorous action—complete isolation and vaccination, taken under the directions of the Minister of Agriculture, at Ottawa, in connection with the quarantine branch of his department; and probably a ravaging epidemic among the Half-breeds and Indians has been thereby prevented.

THE "Hygeia," in connection with the St. Lawrence quarantine, referred to in our last issue, is a thoroughly sea worthy little craft, able to meet vessels in the offing in almost any weather. She is as the Quebec *Chronicle* says, fitted with the appliances for what the most recent and searching experiments prove to be the most reliable methods of disinfection known for maritimé or other sanitation, viz., the drenching with solution of corrosive sublimate, moist heat by superheated steam, and fumigation by sulphurous acid gas. There is also on the steamer a room in which the sick can be landed from incoming vessels that it may not be necessary to detain in quarantine. The only other vessel of the kind on this continent we believe is at New Orleans.

THE evils resulting from tea drinking are chiefly from the use of inferior, cheap teas and from excesses. We would strongly advise any of our readers who have not tried Keers Himalayan tea to send for a pound sample to 58 Church St. Toronto and try it; make it ac-

ording to directions, in a hot vessel with boiling water (not water that simply has boiled) and we predict they will not thereafter use any other tea when they can get Keers.

THE total number of deaths known to have resulted from small pox in the Province of Quebec during the late epidemic is stated to be 5,739. Of the three thousand who died up to December 31st in Montreal, 2,857 were French Canadians, 181 other Catholics, and only 96 English-speaking Protestants.

THE Council of the Society for the Study and Cure of Inebriety have arranged for a Colonial and International Congress on Inebriety in London. The Congress will meet while Parliament sits. The President is Dr. Norman Kerr, and among the Vice-Presidents are the Archbishops of Canterbury and Armagh, Cardinal Manning, the Duke of Westminster, Sir Charles Lupper, Sir Arthur Blyth, Sir Saul Samuel, and other Colonial representatives, Sir Douglas MacLagan, Sir George Burrows, Sir Spencer Wells, Sir G. H. Porter, Sir William Miller and Mr. Ernest Hart.

ABOUT the "wheel," it may be well to note that horsemen after the age of forty, according to the *California Practitioner*, exhibit evidences of disease of the prostrate gland: this being true says the *American Lancet*, it is evident that the rider of the bicycle is much more likely to acquire such disease.

A JUDGE as wise as Solomon, the one referred to below must have been. A man who had sore eyes went to a horse doctor for relief. The doctor applied to his eyes an ointment he was accustomed to use on horses. The man became blind, and sued the doctor, but the judge acquitted the horse doctor, on the ground that if the man had not been an ass, he would never have applied for relief from a horse doctor.

THE *British Medical Journal* says that both experience and excise statistics prove that there has been during the past twenty years a great increase in the temperance of the middle and lower classes. That there is still room for improvement it admits, but thinks there needs to be started a crusade against eating too much.

A CHEAP form of artificial leg is now manufactured in England which will prove a boon to workmen of small means. It is simple, light, and varies in price from about \$15 to \$18.