

sidered in order that as hopeful a conception as is proper may be formed of the prognosis of heart disease in general.—*Med. and Surg. Reporter.*

PAPERS PROMISED FOR MEETING OF
C.M.A. AT BANFF, AUGUST 12TH-
14TH INST.

(1) The Endemic Fever of the North-West Territories (Mountain Fever). Dr. A. Jukes, Regina.

(2) The Climate of South Alberta, with special reference to its advantages for patients with pulmonary complaints. Dr. G. A. Kennedy, McLeod.

(3) Traumatic Inflammations of the Eye and their proper treatment. Dr. John F. Fulton, St. Paul, Min.

(4) Hæmatoma of the Vagina and Vulva. Dr. A. H. Wright, Toronto.

(5) A Case of Empyema Successfully Treated by Free Incisions. Dr. James Ross, Toronto.

(6) The Early Recognition and Treatment of Epithelioma. Dr. L. Duncan Butkley, New York City.

(7) The Relief of Pain in Eye and Ear Affections. Dr. R. A. Reeve, Toronto.

(8) Sulfonal. Dr. James Stewart, Montreal.

(9) Neuro-Lithotomy. Dr. F. T. Shepherd, Montreal.

(10) Vertigo—An Eye and Ear Symptom. Dr. T. W. Stirling, Montreal.

(11) A Resumé of a Few Surgical Cases. Dr. E. A. Praeger, Nanaimo, B.C.

(12) Varicella. Dr. Whitaker, Cincinnati.

(13) Preventable Deafness. Dr. Buller, Montreal.

(14) Colles' Fracture, by Dr. Grassett, Toronto.

(15) Common and Easily Preventable Cause of Retro Displacements, by Dr. Laphorn Smith, Montreal.

SUICIDE THROUGH READING QUACK
LITERATURE.

A sad case is reported from Portsmouth, of a young man engaged as a waiter at a local restaurant, who committed suicide last week by cutting his throat. The deceased got the idea into his head that he was the subject of "nervous debility," and resorted to some doctors who gave him the usual vile literature disseminated by these pests of society, the reading of which added to his fears and terrors, and in fact, drove his wits out of him. A medical man who saw him a week or two before his death stated that he had no disease, and he had no doubt that his mental condition was caused through reading quack pamphlets.—*Hospital Gazette.*

OUR MEDICAL CHARITIES.

It has been proposed that a great demonstration, in aid of these noble and (as regards management) truly British institutions, shall take place in Hyde Park at an early date. The following will compose the procession:—

I.

Six stalwart Hospital Porters, three abreast, bearing the charters of certain charities, stating that they were founded for the relief of the "Sick Poor."

II.

Six Secretaries in Broughams.

III.

Six Treasurers in Victorias, with bulky Receipt Books.

IV.

Ten Medical Students carrying black bags: "covered" by ten Assistant Physicians—the latter provided with certificates from the secretaries of the Institutions to which they belong, testifying that they can prescribe for fifty patients in an hour.

V.

Detachment of the "Sick Poor," in their own vehicles, three abreast—Males smoking Havana cigars; females wearing silk dresses, feathers, jewellery and kid gloves.

VI.

Three Water Carts "loaded" with Physic, which will "play" at intervals during the demonstration upon

VII.

Twenty ruined, or distressed General Practitioners, on foot, accompanied by their care-worn wives and luckless offspring.

VIII.

Twenty Hospital Sisters, and Nurses, who glance disdainfully at the ten Assistant Physicians and the distressed General Practitioners.

IX.

Twenty Hospital Physicians in carriages and pairs, the coachmen and footmen in rich liveries.

X.

Seven Banners borne by Hospital Chronic, inscribed with "No Fees," "Why Pay Doctors?" "Why Join Sick Clubs?" "Free Physic," "Shake the Bottle," "Plenty of Lotion," "Full Diet."

XI.

His Eminence, The College Skeleton.

RESPICE FINEM.—*Hospital Gazette.*

Veratrum Viridie in two-drop doses of the tincture will control the circulation in pneumonia better than the lancet of forty years ago.—Brief.