

EDITORIAL SUMMARY.

Death from Hydrophobia.—The Paris (Canada West) *Star* has an account of the deaths from hydrophobia, of Mr. George Clark of Blenheim, and one of his children. It appears that in the month of July last, he, with one of his children and two others, were bitten by a dog belonging to him, which had gone mad. No bad symptoms were developed till about six weeks ago, when the child, which was about six years of age, died evidently of hydrophobia. On the morning of Monday the 3rd inst., Mr. George Clark found that on going to the well he had an unaccountable dread of water. He mentioned the circumstance to his brother, and without delay a German physician was sent for. By the time he arrived, Mr. Clark was in convulsions; these continued at intervals, increasing in duration and violence until the following night, when death put an end to his sufferings. The other two who were bitten have as yet shown no symptoms of being affected.

Rapid horse racing and endurance of fatigue.—The Santa Clara (Cal.) race course was the scene of a remarkable trial of equine speed and human endurance on the first of November last. J. R. Pico, of St. Jose, made a wager of \$25,000 that he would, on the day above named, ride 150 miles in the brief period of six hours and thirty minutes, or at the railroad speed of more than twenty-three miles per hour, not allowing the time lost in mounting and dismounting the different horses which he proposed to use. He won the bet, with fourteen minutes and ten seconds to spare.

If this be correct and we see little reason for doubting it, it deserves to be placed on record with Osbaldistone's feat, who rode 1,000 miles in 1,000 hours; the feat of the latter, who also won his wager, indicated to our mind, a far greater endurance of fatigue.

The Pleuro-pneumonia among Cattle.—The excitement consequent upon the developments of this disease in different sections of New England, has long since subsided, and the fears that with the returns of winter, and the necessary stabling of cattle in the infected districts, the malady would re-appear, have, thanks to the prompt and efficient action of the State Commissioners, been allayed. No new cases have been reported, and the old ones are fast diminishing. The occupants of the "hospital pasture" at North Brookfield, Massachusetts, numbering from ten to fifteen head of cattle, the remnants of numerous herds which were nearly exterminated last summer, were examined by the Commissioners about two weeks since, and the disease having proved incurable, the cattle were all slaughtered. The opinion prevails among the Commissioners that the disease will not again make its appearance, although cattle have not yet been so closely confined as they will necessarily be after the weather becomes colder.—*Montreal Advertiser.*

University of Edinburgh.—The number of matriculated students is this year larger than for several years past, the increase being chiefly in the Faculty of Medicine. Up to Monday, November 26, the entrances were as follow: 538 Medical, 624 Literary, and 228 Law Students, in all 1390. At the corresponding date of last year, the total number of matriculations was 1348.

Appointment.—Dr. G. B. H. Macleod has been elected Professor of Surgery in the Andersonian University, Glasgow.

A Portrait of Dr. Sampson.—The City Council chamber is to be enriched by an addition to the Mayoral visages which decorate its walls in the portrait of Dr. Sampson which has been lately executed by Mr. Sawyer. The excellence of the likeness is generally admitted, and is a beautiful illustration of the adaptability of the chemico-mechanical processes of photography to further the purposes of art. The portrait is in oil, life size, for which Dr. Sampson consented to sit at the request of a few old personal friends, who were desirous of preserving some memorial of one who during forty years has rendered many important professional and public services to Kingston for its inhabitants. The portrait is a gift to the city.—*British Whig.*