

two meetings of the Society have been held in Scotland, in 1855 and 1875, and on both occasions in Edinburgh. The coming one will therefore be the first ever held in the busy, smokey old "second city of the Empire."

The meeting will be held in the buildings of the University of Glasgow, under the presidency of Dr. W. T. Gairdner, where provision will be made for the meetings of all the sections. The arrangements for the working of the different sections are being rapidly completed.

NOTES.

Japan has a continuous history of medicine for nearly five thousand years.

The *Medical Press and Circular* is in the jubilee year of its existence, having been established in 1838.

Dr. Edward Pritzl, first assistant in Karl Braun's Clinic, Vienna, died from septic infection, contracted from a puerperal case.

M. Brouardel, of Paris, described typhoid fever as more dangerous to men than cholera, at the recent Hygienic Congress at Vienna.

Dr. Milne, and the High School Board of Trustees, of Victoria, are agitating for the establishment of a Provincial University for British Columbia.

The Austrian Minister of Education has issued a decree forbidding the use of school books printed in small type, as myopia is so prevalent among the school children.

Pinna reports a case in which a large splenic tumor of malarial origin disappeared after three injections of three-quarters of a grain each of ergotine, repeated at intervals of several days.

Dr. Sommerbrod, of the Breslau University, expressed the opinion that the Crown Prince is suffering from simple perichondritis with abscess formation, and not of cancerous nature.

Madame Boucicault, late proprietress of the Bon Marché, Paris, left £800,000 for the

foundation of a hospital, one of the conditions being that the nursing shall be done by Sisters of Mercy.

We take this opportunity of acknowledging our great indebtedness to Dr. E. E. King, for his able assistance in the management of the *PRACTITIONER* when he had time to spare from an increasing practice.

A scheme is on foot to establish a floating hospital in the North Sea, for the benefit of the fishermen at sea. It is estimated that 12,000 men constitute the English speaking portion of the floating population in the North Sea alone.

Dr. William A. Hammond, of New York, is making efforts to repress certain persons who have been using his name for advertising purposes. One patent medicine firm has already eaten of sad pie, and a corset manufacturer is charged with libel.

Dr. Sahli has communicated a very interesting and perhaps unique cause of gonorrhœal cutaneous metastasis. Microscopical examination of the pus taken from the cutaneous abscess revealed masses of the typical gonococci within the pus cells.

It is stated that Prof. Seguin and Dr. Godfrey dissected the carcass of Barnum's elephant Alice, burned last November, and found in the stomach over three hundred pennies, a piece of lead pipe, part of a pocket knife, and other equally light articles of diet.

Dr. Vonwedekind (*N. Y. Record*) states that a diagnosis can be readily made between a drunken and a dying man by pressing on the supra-orbital notches with a steadily increasing force. The dying will not be affected, but the drunken will be aroused sufficiently to demonstrate his vital powers.

Dr. Edgar Kurz (*Journal of Insanity*) reports two cases in which internal urethrotomy was followed by temporary melancholia. The operation was performed without accident, and resulted in a cure of the stricture in each instance.