

most necessary. Spencer Wells has also lately pronounced in somewhat similar terms against the use of the mixture in his ovarian operations. It is not a perfect anæsthetic, being irregular in its effect, slow in its action, and not unattended with danger. It is to be hoped, therefore, that no attempt will be made to reintroduce its use (as we have heard spoken of), because of the unsatisfactory state of public opinion regarding the relative safety of chloroform and ether.

#### TORONTO EYE AND EAR INFIRMARY.

This excellent institution was established in May, 1867, and for six years, ending May, 1873, there were 1312 poor persons, from different parts of the Province who received gratuitous medical treatment for diseases of the eye and ear. The number of patients in attendance gradually increased from 104 the first year to 367 the sixth year. Many poor patients were quite blind, and if medical skill had not been charitably extended to them, would now be hopelessly blind. In some cases, when the father of a family had been so afflicted, the whole family would have been reduced to helpless paupers, and made dependent upon public or private charity for their maintenance, but for the relief afforded at this institution. The Toronto Eye and Ear Infirmary affords relief to the poor of every part of the Province. It also affords valuable clinical advantages in ophthalmic and aural surgery to medical students, which cannot be obtained in any other institution in the Province. These students, as they settle in different parts of the country, carry the experience which they have gained at the Eye and Ear Infirmary into practice, and thereby confer a public benefit.

As already stated, there is no charge for medical treatment or medicine; the only expense being the patient's board, which is charged at \$3 per week, each person.

The members of the board of management perform their labors without any remuneration.

The City Chamberlain, Mr. A. T. McCord, is the President, Mr. A. Dredge, Vice-President; Mr. W. Mason, Secretary and Treasurer; and Messrs. Wm. Elliott, George Hague (Bank of Toronto), John McKain, W. J. Macdonnell, A. R. McMaster, J. H. Mason, E. J. Palmer, Robert Walker, and Robert Wilkes, M.P., are Directors.

The members of the medical staff are likewise unpaid. This department is under the management of Dr. A. M. Rosebrugh, of Toronto, who has had considerable experience in ophthalmic practice. He is ably assisted by Drs. Reeve and Coleman; Dr. Caniff acts as consulting surgeon.

The Eye and Ear Infirmary is partly supported by voluntary contributions. All annual subscribers of one dollar a year and upwards are members, and entitled to vote at general meetings and elections. Any person subscribing and paying at one time fifty dollars is a member for life, and entitled to the same privileges as annual subscribers.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Management, Mr. Francis Hart and his wife were unanimously appointed Superintendent and Matron respectively to the Infirmary. Both have had some experience in this kind of work in years gone by. Mr. Hart previously resided in Muskoka, and removed to Toronto in December last. He was formerly connected with the Toronto and provincial press. Mr. Hart is of a very cheerful and benevolent disposition, and will doubtless try to render all the comfort in his power to the poor afflicted sufferers committed to his charge.

All communications should be addressed to Mr. Hart, Superintendent, Box 1261, P. O., Toronto.

#### CANADA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the Canada Medical Association, a full report of the proceedings of which will be found in previous pages, was held in St. John, N. B., commencing on the 6th ult., and continuing two days. There was a large attendance, especially from Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. The profession of the city of St. John received their medical brethren of the Dominion in a very hospitable manner, and the meeting passed off most pleasantly. Some very excellent papers, which we will be able to publish in our next issue, were read and criticised by the members present; and some interesting cases were brought before the Association. We are glad to see so much interest manifested in this Association, and hope to see a large meeting next year at the Falls. A number of gentlemen have been appointed to read papers at the next meeting, and we trust they will all give a good account of themselves. It is such matters as these that give vitality and interest to