

**CASTRATION OF IMBECILES.**—The Pennsylvania legislature has passed a bill authorizing castration in cases of hopeless imbecility.

**CEREBRO-SPINAL MENINGITIS** has claimed 386 lives in Greater New York for the first three months of this year, most of the victims being children.

**DR. WILLIAM OSLER** is to be given a farewell banquet at the Waldorf Astoria, New York, on the evening of May 2nd. Invitations to subscribe to this dinner may be obtained by applying to the chairman, Dr. James Tyson, 1,506 Spruce St., Philadelphia.

**THE Ohio State Board of Health** has issued leaflets to physicians to give to their patients suffering from venereal diseases. These inform the patient of the hygienic measures to be adopted to protect himself and others who come in contact with him.

**DR. LEWELLYS FRANKLIN BARKER**, a graduate of the University of Toronto, has been appointed to succeed Dr. Osler as Professor of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Barker has been Professor of Anatomy at Rush Medical College, Chicago, for the past five years.

**BILL TO BAR THE SALE OF DRUGS.**—A Chicago member of the Illinois legislature has a bill before that body which proposes that morphine and opium be sold only on physicians' prescriptions. The bill further stipulates that a druggist will not fill a prescription unless certified to by the physician who gave the original prescription.

### **BRITISH AND FOREIGN.**

**PATENT MEDICINE ADVERTISEMENTS BARRED.**—A new law in Norway forbids newspapers advertising all foreign patent medicines.