

very much bent forward and holds out both arms and accomplishes two or three steps. He can say only a few words, but understands all that is said to him. When an infant he had no control whatever over the motions of his head, it always remaining where it was placed. Each year brings a little improvement, and it seems probable that in time he may be able to take care of himself. Papers are to be read and discussed at the next meeting in October.

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WINNIPEG LETTER.

(FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Manitoba has been making the same rapid strides in medical matters as in all other departments. With the rapid influx of people came an equally rapid increase of doctors, until we can boast of the largest proportion of medical men to the total population of any province in the Dominion. Indeed, at present, the field is too well occupied, especially in our cities and towns. Without doubt, however, there are many points in rural districts where a doctor's presence would be hailed with pleasure, and where he could make a present living and be reasonably sure of a future reward commensurate with the arduous nature of his early work.

In our city the profession have been displaying that energy which characterizes all western people. The laity having generously supplied a well-constructed and completely equipped hospital, the members of the profession decided to start a medical school in connection therewith. The Faculty was arranged last summer, and work was commenced in October, with a class of fourteen students, probably the largest first class of any Canadian school. This year they are putting up a suitable brick building in which to carry on their work, and they intend to purchase the necessary outfit. They have every confidence in the success of their enterprise, and are entering freely and heartily into the various burdens necessitated by such a scheme.

The standard of work placed before the

student is high, and it is the wish of the professors to excel the older provinces in the status of their graduates. It is to be hoped that, before the first class is ready to be laureated, the Ontario Council will see fit to break down its Chinese-wall of exclusiveness in regard to the non-acceptance of the licenses of other Provincial Boards. If it does not, the spirit of retaliation, now rife among a few here, will spread and lead to the exclusion of Ontario doctors from this field. There should be either a Dominion Board of Examiners, or an amicable agreement between the present Councils, so that a license from one shall be valid in all the provinces. All are working in the interests of higher education, and a united feeling would strengthen the hands of each.

In sanitary improvements, Winnipeg is also making great progress. House garbage and refuse are removed by a thoroughly-organized system of scavengers, under the control of the City Council. Drains of the latest approved designs are being made throughout the city, several hundred thousand dollars having been appropriated for that purpose. We are not without reminders that these are necessary advances. Filth diseases have for the past few years shown too great a fondness for lingering among our people. Diphtheria occurs in sporadic cases, fighting for a place of existence; typhoid fever claimed far too many victims last winter; while erysipelas is too frequently seen on the case-book of the physician. With the recent improvements completed, Winnipeg will be the healthiest, as it is now the most enterprising, city in Canada. H. H. C.

ROTUNDA HOSPITAL, DUBLIN.—In the year ending Nov. 1883, Dr. Macan being Master, 1,090 women were delivered, with 6 deaths, being 1 in 181.6. In private practice the average mortality is 1 in 120.

"FATHER," answered a fair penitent to the confessor, who asked her name, "my name is not a sin!" The joke has been revived. Auspitz asked a syphilitic client his name. "Doctor," replied he, taking his hat, "Doctor is my name a symptom?"