

#### The Inter-State Conference of Health Officers.

This important meeting of Executive Officers meets in Cincinnati on May 4th and 5th, at the time of the meeting of American Medical Association. Dr. P. H. Bryce, Secretary of the Ontario Board, has been appointed to attend. He is chairman of the Committee on Inter-State Notification of Disease, and presents the report on this important subject.

#### Cambridge Museum of Comparative Zoology.

Additions are being made to the present building to accommodate the growing needs of the botanical department. It will contain laboratories for studying both cryptogamic and phænogamic botany.

THE tenders for the new biological building in the Queen's Park, have been received and accepted. The building is to cost about \$45,000, is to be a grey stone gothic structure. It is understood that the building is to be completed to the extent of being utilized for lectures next summer.

STOPPAGE of the natural flow of urine, says Ultzmann, may be caused by:—

1. Occlusion of the smaller urinary tubes, as in cholera and any of the renal diseases.

2. By occlusion, twists, and turns in the urethra.

Ultzmann records the case of a man, æt. 43 years, with calculus of the kidney, who suddenly developed anuria, which caused death in two weeks. The autopsy showed a cyst of the left kidney as large as a goose-egg, with obliteration

of the ureter, and on the right side an enlarged kidney, with three small stones filling the ureter.

2. By a tumor of the bladder.—*Internat klin. Rundschau*, Nos. 7-17, 1887.

THE three English Societies of Medical Officers of Health, have amalgamated, and held their last meeting in London, March 16th. A large number of papers on practical subjects were read. Among these being one by Percy F. Faulkland, F. C. S., on "The Beneficent and Malignant Functions of Micro-organisms."

WE should imagine that the days of active principles were fast approaching the millenium, as we see by the Philadelphia *Inquirer* that Wm. R. Warner & Co. have on exhibition in their window a mass of coffeine, 200 lbs. in weight, this being the active principle of no less than ten tons of coffee to be used in the manufacture of that elegant preparation Bromo Soda.

SIR ANDREW CLARKE has been appointed president of the Royal College of Physicians, London. The appointment has given general satisfaction to the profession who have long recognized his professional skill as physician.

OUR readers will see facing the first page of reading a change in the advertising matter of Fairchild Bros. & Foster. As we have always specified their ferments we cannot but feel pleased that they should, unsolicited, have received a tribute from so high an authority as Mr. W. Murrell.