

C. H. G., a native of Perth and now living near Kingston, while working at Cape Vincent last summer, consulted a physician here and gave the following history: He is 24 years of age, a painter by occupation, was born of healthy parents still living, and has had the present symptoms as long as he can remember. They become aggravated at intervals, notably so during stormy weather. His intellect is clear and sharp. He has a general stiffness of all the voluntary muscles, but particularly spasmodic when he rouses their action by a voluntary act. When he closes his eyes some seconds elapse before he can re-open them. When he shut his fist it takes 10 seconds before he can, by a concentrated effort, open it again. He has frequently torn his clothing when putting it on or taking it off. He can only go up one step of a stair at a time. He cannot rise from a chair without a considerable effort. His speech is not affected. It is not hereditary as in Thomsen's case. There is no tremor, no want of co-ordination, the patellar reflex is normal, no electrical stimuli here applied. His nutrition and general health are excellent. On examination the contraction of the muscles is very strong and spastic as if under a strong voluntary effort, though his will is directed to relax them. The physician expects to have him before the class, that the students may have an opportunity of seeing so rare a case. When consulted he tried in vain to find an account in any medical work at his disposal, and only became acquainted with the very rare nature of the case through a New York specialist. When the patient consulted him he informed him he intended going to a mineral spring near New York. The physician, puzzled by the case, recommended him to see Seguin or Hammond in New York. He has exhibited at the N. Y. Academy of Medicine, and his disease defined as Thomsen's, and the first of the kind recorded in America, creating quite a flutter of excitement in medical circles. A short and meagre description of the disease is given in Pepper's Cyclopædia of Medicine by McLane Hamilton, who, although an experienced neurologist, had not seen any case. Your JOURNAL has, therefore, the great honor of publishing the first history of a case of Thomsen's Disease in America.

Such distinguished honor cannot be furnished to you every week. It will be a beginning, and may stimulate the Medical Editor, although he hardly requires any. Had he not "interviewed" me, the case and myself would have remained in obscurity. When one looks at the large number of medical students, their part of the JOURNAL should be the most varied if not the most learned.

#### "SUBJECTS."

IN this issue of the JOURNAL we have commenced a series of articles on purely medical subjects, and as such we hope that they will especially commend themselves to the large number of our medical subscribers. Within the past few years we have been gaining many friends from that profession, and it has been deemed ex-

pedient to devote a column or more to articles contributed by medical men and of purely a medical character. In furtherance of this object, several of the Medical Professors have kindly offered to furnish us with articles of this nature which will certainly be highly appreciated by our medical friends.

As the JOURNAL is the best available channel of communication between students and Professors we would urge the use of its columns to a greater extent than has heretofore been done. All subjects of general interest to the students as a body will be gladly accepted.

#### L. M. C. CALENDARS.

WE recently received a copy of the new Calendar of the Ladies' College and were much pleased with its fine appearance. By it we learn that the present number of students in attendance is twenty. It has been proposed by the Board of Trustees of the College to engage the services of lady lecturers as soon as any are available, and thus in time they hope to have it completely a Ladies' Medical College.

#### CELEBRITIES OF '87.

CELEBRITY No. 3 is one of the most noted and most popular men of his year and throughout his course has been very successful in his classes. As a Methodist minister's son he has conducted himself with due respect for the cloth, and has even gone the length of making a prospective divinity his particular chum. His countenance is marked by an obstinate, determined, never-say-die expression that would well become an opponent of the renowned John L. Sullivan. In stature the subject of our sketch is not very remarkable; he is rather short, but stout and looks as if he and the good things of this world was not very great enemies. In years gone by, as a cheeky Fresh and as a jolly Soph, he took some interest in athletic sports and was occasionally seen on the football field, and once we learn was an able competitor in the half mile race which took place at our annual sports in '84.

He is the mainstay of the class of '87 in the musical line for, in instrumental and especially in vocal music he is an undoubted authority. He is equally at home on the piano, Jews-harp, tin-whistle, clarinet and big drum, and this talent he is always ready to put at the disposal of his fellow students. His vocal powers have more than a local reputation, and justly so for the whole feeling of his soul is expressed in his singing. He has a rich deep and mellow contralto voice of great range, and when he is tugging away at some of his higher notes his hearers have to get as high as they possibly can to hear him.

Senior though he is, yet strange to say it is reported that he is perfectly heart-whole and is determined to be so for ever. It would not, however, be a very great surprise to his class-mates to hear in a few years that there is a "Mrs. Celebrity No. 3," notwithstanding his present defiant position with respect to the "darling creatures."