

success must indeed be small. We hope our friends in Montreal who are at present working with so much energy on behalf of Sanitary science,—and for which we accord them our warmest praise,—will look at this matter, and press upon our Dominion Legislation the immense benefits which would follow the passing of an act, similar in scope to the act now in operation in Great Britain for the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths. Until this is accomplished, the energy of our Sanitary friends will not bear fruit such as it deserves.

MEDICAL MEN AND LIFE INSURANCE.

In July, 1874, two medical men of Limerick, Ireland, named Sheedy and Meehan, were convicted at the General Assizes in that town of conspiracy to defraud the New York Life Insurance Company by false and fraudulent representations as to the health and habits of persons examined by them, on proposals for Life Insurance, were convicted and sentenced to twelve months imprisonment in the Limerick Gaol. At the meeting of the General Medical Council of Great Britain, held in June of the present year the names of these two men were removed from the Medical Register, thus disqualifying them forever for the practice of their profession in Britain.

BISHOP'S COLLEGE CONVOCATION.

The Annual Convocation of this University was held in the large hall of the University on the 21th of June, which was crowded to excess, when the most satisfactory reports were made of progress in the various faculties. The Hon. George Irvine (late Attorney General Province of Quebec) the newly elected Chancellor in place of the late Hon. Edward Hale, occupied the chair, supported on either side by their lordships, the Bishop of Quebec and the Bishop of Montreal, Metropolitan, and R. W. Heneker, Esq., of Sherbrooke, the Vice-Chancellor. The Faculty of Medicine presented three candidates for graduation, viz., Mr. John Davis of George town, Barbadoes; Mr. J. Arthur Pidgeon of Quebec, and Mr. Frederick Benoit of Montebello; Que., who duly received the degree of C. M., M. D. Prof. F. W. Campbell addressed the graduates in medicine, and Dr. Pidgeon delivered the student's valedictory; various other addresses were delivered, and the occasion was looked upon as a memorable one in the history of the University, as it was announced that the finances were in a most satisfactory condition, the college being out of debt. We

hear that among the friends of this institution, there is a strong desire to organize a law and engineering Faculty.

PUBLIC HEALTH MAGAZINE.

We have received the first number (July) of a new publication bearing the above title, issued and edited by Dr. Baynes, of Montreal. In general appearance, it is very creditable; and the contents are interesting and instructive. The subject of sanitary science is one which is attracting, we are glad to say, a considerable amount of public attention at the present time, and it is meet that sanitary literature should emanate from the Metropolis of the Dominion. Dr. Baynes has for some time back devoted much attention to the subject of hygiene, and as editor of the new Health Magazine he has our warmest wishes for its success.

MEDICAL FACULTY BISHOP'S COLLEGE.

We have received the 5th annual announcement of this Faculty, which informs us that the Session will open on the first of October next with an introductory lecture by Professor Wilkins. Several changes have occurred since last Session in the staff of the Institution, but we notice that the new additions are names well known among the Profession in Montreal. We notice also that this Faculty claims the honor of being the only school in Canada which teaches Practical Physiology. They have also established a chair of Minor Surgery, with a view of practically teaching students all those minor operations which form so important a part of a general practitioner's duty.

HOW TO MAKE GOOD MUCILAGE.

The best quality of mucilage in the market is made by dissolving clear glue in equal volumes of water and strong vinegar, and adding one-fourth of an equal volume of alcohol, and a small quantity of a solution of alum in water. The action of the vinegar is due to the acetic acid which it contains. This prevents the gelatinizing by cooling; but the same result may be accomplished by adding a small quantity of nitric acid. Some of the preparations offered for sale are mere boiled starch, or flour, mixed with nitric acid to prevent gelatinizing. These preparations are very inferior in quality to that made from glue.

PERSONAL.

Dr. Charles Gowan has been appointed Medical Superintendent of the Toronto Lunatic Asylum, in place of Dr. Joseph Workman, resigned. Dr. Gowan was formerly assistant superintendent of the Worcester (England) Asylum. Dr. Metcalfe of Windsor, has been appointed assistant superintendent in place of Dr. Benjamin Workman, resigned.