

able prospects of recovery under favorable treatment will be admitted. All correspondence about admission should be addressed to the Medical Superintendent, Cottage Sanitarium, Gravenhurst, who will give all necessary information about the preliminary medical examination.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—Monday, August 30, 1897, 1 p.m.—Meeting at one of the hospitals; address by Chairman of Local Committee of Arrangements; clinical demonstration. 3 p.m.—General session; reception of visitors; election of members; President's address; addresses by prominent Englishmen; appointing of committees. 8 p.m.—No general session; meetings of committees.

Tuesday, August 31, 1897, 9.30 a.m.—General session; Report of Committee on Inter-provincial Registration; Report of Nomination Committee; Reports of other committees; general business.

N.B.—The railways will grant a return trip on the certificate plan for *single fare* from points *east of Fort William*.

For further particulars, address F. N. G. Starr, General Secretary, 471 College Street, Toronto.

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THE FUTURE OF MEDICINE.—Dr. Samuel Wilks, president of the Royal College of Physicians in London, contributes an article in the Jubilee issue of *The Practitioner*, entitled "Fifty Years Ago," in which we find the following concluding remarks on the future of medicine: "What the future of medicine will be no one can predict, because it is only by developing our present methods that we can judge; but we may be sure that some facts in science will be discovered of which we have at the present time no inkling. Some time ago, when asked this question, I could give nothing but a fanciful answer, which I now quote. What will be the next fifty years' experience in medicine the wildest imagination cannot conceive. All microbes may have been put to the sword; all organs may be taken out, washed and renewed; continued transplantations of active glands like the thyroid keep the brain in continued activity; or injection of Brown-Séquard's fluid preserve perpetual youth. We may, perhaps, discover what there is in our baneful environments which prevent us living the thousand years of the patriarchs; or, perhaps, a great discovery is close at hand: our concentrated beef and meat essences, being injected into the blood, will take the place of bulky food, so that our intestinal tract will be reduced to a minimum, and then, bellyless, we shall develop into that higher angelic creature which we see so often portrayed—all head and wings.

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS.—The American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists will hold its tenth annual meeting at the Cataract House, Niagara Falls, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, August 17, 18, 19 and 20, 1897, under the presidency of Dr. James F. W. Ross, of Toronto. The railways have granted reduced fares on the certificate plan to all who