

nical Lectures at the Self-supporting Dispensary, students will have but themselves to blame, if they do not derive every benefit from "personal practical observation" of disease. One of the two new and very commodious wards lately added to the Hotel Dieu was opened during the third week of November; when both the wards are occupied, accomodation will be afforded in that excellent institution to 100 in-door patients.—A very important medical convention was held in Philadelphia, during the last week of October, for the discussion of the following subjects:—The medical and moral treatment of the insane; the construction and organization of asylums; the jurisprudence of insanity; the prevention of suicide; statistics of insanity; asyla for idiots and colored persons; the prevention of insanity, and insanity in prisons. All these subjects, after full discussion were referred to appropriate committees, to be reported upon.—The anniversary meeting of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of this city was held on the first Saturday of October, when it appeared from the Secretary's Report, that in addition to the nineteen original members constituting the Society, thirteen new members had been admitted during the year; the Society had met twenty times during the same period.—The Medical Students' Society of M'Gill College, and the College of Medicine, have commenced their meetings for the session; the objects of these Societies are praiseworthy. The first competitor for the Clinical Report Prize offered by the Editors of this Gazette, has forwarded the first of his series from the Marine Hospital of Quebec. The specimen is good.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*MEDICUS* cannot appear.—We have come to the determination not to admit any communication under an assumed title, which purports to attack the opinions entertained by the writers of any papers in the Medical Gazette, unless such impugning be based upon facts which have come under the personal cognizance of the critic, and which had been previously omitted.

Dr. BOURGEOIS' letter has been received. He will shortly hear from us by post.

J. T. N. Quebec.—We hope soon to receive another proof of his attention, on Hospital practice.