

are quite certain that many valuable cases have never been reported, and on the other hand many valuable contributions are buried in the printed transactions of medical societies, or by being published in medical journals and "organs" of small circulation; but we can assure our readers and contributors that articles which appear in the LANCET will be read by nine tenths of the profession in the Dominion of Canada, and by many in the United States.

AMERICAN CENTENNIAL.—Dr. David, of Montreal, has been appointed honorary secretary for the Dominion of Canada, to the International Medical Conference to be held in Philadelphia, in September next, and he has been requested to furnish the American corresponding secretary with a list of all the Canadian Medical Societies. Secretaries of such would confer a favor by communicating with Dr. David.

SALICYLIC ACID IN FOUL BREATH, AND OFFENSIVE EXPECTORATION.—Prof. DaCosta of Philadelphia, (*Med. and Sur. Reporter*) recommends salicylic acid as a preventive of the foul breath and offensive expectoration of consumptive patients. He gives it in five grain doses with one drachm of glycerine in half an ounce of water three times a day. His experience with this agent is that it modifies the offensiveness of the breath to a very great extent, and changes the offensive character of the expectoration though to a less degree. It is very useful in fetid bronchitis. The addition of a little borax increases the solubility of the salicylic acid. Inhalation by means of an atomizer is also recommended in some cases.

PERSONAL.—Dr. L. H. Evans (B.A., Trinity College, Toronto) has commenced practice in this city. He has for some time past occupied the position of Principal of the Brockville High School. On the eve of his departure for this city he was the recipient of an address and a purse containing \$120. The presentation was made by Dr. Morden of Brockville, on behalf of the citizens. We gladly welcome him to this city, and wish him every success.

MEDICAL DEFENCE ASSOCIATION.—An association of medical men has lately been established in Great Britain, for the purpose of "suppressing

unqualified practitioners; secret quack medicines; indecent medical publications; bogus diplomas; and improper alliances of qualified and unqualified men; also to protect medical men from vexatious prosecutions; to prevent the registration of non-certified deaths; to correct the abuse of out practice at hospitals; to devise a fair tariff of medical fees; and to give medicine a firmer political basis in the House of Commons." Dr. B. W. Richardson, F.R.S., is president, and among the members may be mentioned Drs. Herbert Davies, Ernest Sansom, Spencer Watson, C. J. White, and others.

*** PROF. BILLROTH ON MEDICAL EDUCATION.**—Quite a sensation was produced in medical circles lately in Vienna, by the appearance and contents of a volume on "Medical Education," by Prof Billroth. He denounced certain classes of Jews, who were obliged to teach, and peddle matches in order to obtain a medical education, and claimed that poor people should not allow their children to study medicine. He was hissed at the clinique by certain students. After the operation he passed the tumor on a salver to the students for examination, as is his custom, and when it was returned a number of matches were found by the side of the tumor. A few days later the indignant students went to further excesses; some hissed and others cheered him, the latter attempted to oust the former from the lecture room, and a general fight was the result. Next day the Dean announced that if there was any repetition, the ring-leaders would be expelled from the university. The announcement had the desired effect.

EXAMINATION FOR LICENCE.—The Professional examination of the Collège of Physicians and Surgeons, Ont., will be held in the Convocation Hall, Toronto University, commencing on the 4th of April. Candidates are requested to hand in their tickets and certificates to the Registrar, Dr. Pyne, on or before the 28th inst.

APPOINTMENTS.—Drs. J. D. McDonald and Thomas White, of Hamilton, have been appointed visiting physicians to the Hamilton Hospital. William Britton, M.D., Yorkville, to be an Associate Coroner for the County of York. Robert S. Chaffey, M.D., Alliston, to be an Associate Coroner, for the County of Simcoe.