

cases, which they will present at the regular meeting of the council, which will commence June 12th.

### DIRECTORY FOR NURSES IN TORONTO.

This Directory for Nurses was established several years ago, but has not received that encouragement from the profession and public to which it is fairly entitled. This has not happened altogether from want of interest in the directory, nor lack of desire to support it; but, more probably, from a deficiency of co-operative work between all the parties concerned in the organization. Frequently when physicians have desired to use it, the list of nurses was found to be so small as to be practically useless. At other times, when there was a fairly good and correct list, the doctors had fallen back on their own resources. The public never had much information on the subject, and so many people who attempted to make use of it met with disappointment that it was not considered of much account by the majority of people who took the trouble to think about it at all.

The profession should give it a very cordial support. If it becomes a thorough success, it will be extremely useful to physicians, nurses, and the general public alike; and nothing then will be likely to interfere with its increasing prosperity and usefulness. We have much pleasure in publishing the following circular which has been issued to the "Doctors of Toronto."

"The Board of the Ontario Medical Library, realizing the importance of the Directory for Nurses, which has already proved so useful to many of the medical men of this city and province, desires to still further impress upon the doctors the advisability of making use of the directory, and takes this opportunity of assuring them that a determined effort is being put forth to make it a yet greater success.

"The fee for securing a nurse has been reduced from one dollar to fifty cents, and for furnishing the address of a nurse the charge is now twenty-five cents. The secretary, at the Ontario Medical Library rooms, telephone 1718, will promptly attend to messages delivered during library hours: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from

2 to 6 p.m. The registrar, Dr. Gordon, 646 Spadina Ave., telephone 3495, will give all information required at any other time."

### MEDICAL COLLEGE DINNERS.

The banquets given by the students of the two male medical colleges of this city were both successful in every respect. There appears to be a general consensus of opinion among those present that they were the best student-dinners ever given in Toronto. The banquet of Trinity Medical College was held Tuesday, November 29, and was largely attended by members of the faculty, students, and friends of the school. The Toronto University banquet was held December 1, and the dining hall of the Rossin House was filled by a very enthusiastic crowd. The speeches delivered were of a superior class—as after-dinner speeches go—and were evidently highly appreciated by those present. We publish in this issue an abstract of the able address of the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Mulock, which contains utterances that are well worthy of careful consideration.

### Meeting of Medical Societies.

#### AMERICAN ELECTRO-THERAPEUTIC ASSOCIATION.

The second annual meeting of the American Electro-Therapeutic Association was held in the Academy of Medicine, New York, on October 4th, 5th, and 6th. The meetings were well attended. Many valuable papers were read, and the discussions were bright and animated. The presence of several well-known physicists and electrical experts added greatly to the scientific value of the discussions, while the papers presented by them met with a very cordial reception. The idea of inviting the co-operation of those whose knowledge of the subject of electricity is of so thoroughly practical a character was a most happy one, and, following up this idea to its logical sequence, President Dr. W. J. Morton gave notice of motion to present at the next meeting an amendment to the constitution whereby the membership may be extended to include electrical experts. Another innovation which also proved a most successful feature was the introduction of two set discussions, one on "Electric Cataphoresis and its Practical Application as a Therapeutic Measure," the other on "The Relative Fœtotoxic Value of the Galvanic and Faradic Current in Ectopic Gestation," each of which was followed by the usual informal discussion on the respective subjects. The membership was increased by the election of one honorary and thirty ordinary fellows. A very fine display of electro-therapeutic