

**ONTARIO BOARD OF HEALTH MAP.**—Our city contemporary (December) says that "several persons have spoken to us about the unjust criticisms of the LANCET on this subject. That disinterested persons to whom it was shown declared in favor of the map as compared with the slips issued by the Michigan Board, and concluded with the choice remark that the *Lancet's* spleen is seemingly not yet frothed out." The *Medical News*, Philadelphia, (Dec. 16), one of the most independent medical journals in the United States, after briefly describing the map says: "But the reader wants naturally to know on what data the official announcements are made. As a health bulletin we are inclined to prefer Dr. Baker's statements of prevalence in Michigan." To use the elegant phraseology of our contemporary, What is the *News'* "spleen seemingly frothing out about?"

**OBITUARIES.**—Sir Thomas Watson, Bart., M.D., F.R.S., author of the "Principles and Practice of Medicine," died during the past month at the advanced age of 90 years. He was elected a Fellow of the College of Physicians in 1826, and was President of that College since 1862. He was for some time Professor of the Practice of Physic in King's College, London, and was appointed one of the Physicians-in-Ordinary to Her Majesty in 1870. He was created a baronet in 1880.

Prof. Wm. Pirrie, of Aberdeen, Scotland, died on the 21st of November at the age of 75 years.

Dr. S. W. Thayer, of Burlington, Emer. Prof. of Anatomy in the University of Vermont, died on the 14th of November, aged 65 years.

The death of Dr. J. Forsyth Meigs, of Philadelphia, from pneumonia, is announced in our exchanges.

We regret to learn that the Hon. Dr. Ross, of Three Rivers, Que., has been seriously ill, but is now in a fair way of recovery. Dr. Dow, of Fredericton, N. B., has also been so low that his life was despaired of, but is happily recovering.

Alex. Jamieson, B.A., M.D., (McGill), has been appointed Prof. of Chemistry and Physiology in the University of Kansas City.

As we go to press we learn with deep regret of the death of Dr. Pyne, Sr., former Registrar of the Ontario Medical Council.

**DIRECTORY FOR NURSES.**—A Directory for nurses has been established under the auspices of the Toronto Medical Society. It will be in charge of Dr. McPhedran, 7 Wilton Avenue, and will be open at all hours of the day and night. Persons in want of a nurse will always know where to apply. This is an institution very much needed in all large cities, and we bespeak for it the support and co-operation of the profession.

**NEW YORK POST-GRADUATE SCHOOL.**—The New York Post-graduate Medical School has thus far met with gratifying success. The second term opens Jan. 8th, 1883, and continues until April 28th without intermission. It is hoped that, with its enlarged accommodations, improved facilities for instruction and increased corps of teachers it will meet with still greater success.

**SUMMER SESSIONS.**—The authorities of Trinity Medical College, and the Toronto School of Medicine, have decided to hold a summer session in their respective schools, and to combine the forces of the two schools in clinical instruction in the Hospital. The session will commence about the 1st of May, and continue twelve weeks. We are happy to be able to make the above announcement, and believe it will be another important step towards the advancement of medical education in Ontario.

**MCGILL COLLEGE ANNUAL DINNER.**—The annual dinner of the undergraduates in Medicine of McGill College, was held at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, on the 18th ult., and was well attended. There were a large number of distinguished guests present, and a very pleasant evening was spent in toast and sentiment. The Dean, Dr. R. P. Howard, was prevented from attending by reason of recent domestic affliction, but sent the undergraduates a very kind letter, which was read by the secretary.

**LECTURE ON THE "PRESERVATION OF HEALTH."**—A very practical and highly appreciated lecture upon the "Preservation of Health" was delivered to the students of McMaster Hall, Toronto, on the 1st December, by H. E. Buchan, M.A., M.D.

**NO THESIS REQUIRED.**—The Senate of Toronto University has abolished the statute which requires candidates for the degree of M.D. to write a thesis.