

ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE.

The east wing of the new lunatic asylum at Kingston will be occupied this month by about one hundred insane patients. The west wing and centre of the building are finished, but await the interior fittings. The entire structure is built by convict labor, of stone quarried on the public land, and at one third or one half the expense the building would otherwise have cost. A similar institution must be erected at Montreal if the demand for asylum accommodation in Lower Canada meets with the attention it requires.

The dried stems of the *Laminaria digitalia*, or sea-tangle, have been introduced and extensively used as a substitute for tents in surgery. They possess the property of being easily bent at any angle required by the operator. Secondly, they absorb moisture from the secretions, and expand to five or six times their size when introduced; and furthermore assume their original straight positions. Sea-tangle has been recommended and used in various uterine affections, especially where there is any obliquity of the organ, and when the surgeon is desirous of dilating the os and cervix uteri.

CINCINNATI LANCET AND OBSERVER.

The *Canada Medical Journal* has been regularly sent to the above address; we note the missing numbers and have had them forwarded.

MEDICAL NEWS.

Two quack doctors in London were recently convicted of conspiracy against a captain of the 50th Regt. Seeing their advertisement he applied to them and received medicine, for which he appears to have paid roundly. Finding he derived no benefit he discontinued using their prescriptions, when they demanded £150, in default of which they would expose him. The Captain resisted, had them arrested, and they were sentenced each to two years' imprisonment at hard labor. — Mr. Price, F.R.C.S., Assistant-Surgeon to Kings College Hospital, London, died on the 13th November last. Next to Ferguson of London and Jones of Jersey, he did more to bring excision of the knee joint into the position it now occupies as a justifiable surgical operation than any other man living. Tuberculosis was the cause of his death. He was not forty years of age. — When Sir David Brewster delivered the introductory lecture at the opening of the Edinburgh University Session, the conduct of the students was disgraceful. They pelted peas at the Professor, and