

be appointed, consulting physicians, consulting surgeons, physicians and surgeons, with the various specialists, to include a Pathologist. Wards and beds should be divided between the physicians and surgeons, who should be required to visit the hospital daily at certain hours. The beds assigned to the members of the staff should be occupied only by their authority, and whenever possible all operations should be performed on a certain day, which not alone would be an advantage to students, but would enable country practitioners to be present on many occasions. These regulations would largely extend the usefulness of this admirable institution, the directors of which have accomplished much on little means. Unfortunately none of the eastern millionaires, who have so largely subscribed to eastern hospitals and colleges, have yet had their benevolent intentions directed to the Winnipeg General Hospital, passing strange, as the princely donors have had long and intimate connection with Manitoba and Northwestern Canada. This is, however, a land of hope as well as possibilities, and we trust the increased accommodation, and therefore extended usefulness, of this charity will awaken the sympathies of those gifted with this world's abundance, who can bestow a portion of their superfluous wealth on no more deserving object.

HYPNOTISM.

The Winnipeg public have lately been favored with an hypnotic entertainment of a farcical character. It is generally conceded that "there is something in it,"—just that that something is, has not yet been satisfactorily explained. As in the juggling tricks of the East, men look on and wonder, doubting, but more than half convinced that the hypnotist or juggler is gifted with some subtle agency they do not themselves possess. That such would be a very dangerous gift, if possessed to the extent which Mr. McEwen lays claim to, few would dispute. But that a large proportion of his performances had no

trace of mesmerism in it cannot but be apparent to a large majority of his audiences. That a strong mind and will power can dominate a weaker, especially if the latter is voluntarily surrendered, abandoning that small portion that nature has gifted him with, we have many instances of. But it is ultra credulous to believe that, "notwithstanding the magic wand," that the antics exhibited on the stage were gone through involuntarily, under the subjective influence of Mr. McEwen's controlling power. Very amusing they were, well sandwiched, and afforded what every one is the better of in this age of high pressure, a good laugh. We would advise weak-minded people to retain all the will power they possess and surrender it to no man.

MISCELLANEOUS

BOOMING MEDICINE.

Dr. J. P. Armour writes in the *Medical News* :—"The insane rush of young men, and women, too, into the profession is chiefly owing to the extravagant puffing of a considerable portion of its members regarding the financial results of their labor. I have a couple of physicians in mind, with whom I was familiar both as a youth and after entering the profession, whose careers are somewhat typical of the 'booming' class. The one was the leading physician of a large town. He claimed and was generally accredited with doing a practice of \$25,000 a year. He lived quite inexpensively, except in the matter of horses, several of which he always kept to encourage business, and after struggling with a practice of this kind for twenty-eight years he suddenly collapsed, leaving his creditors in for over \$20,000. The other practised in a small village, and for years had done a tremendous practice; kept half a dozen horses, slept little, and rarely had time to take his meals; lived quite inexpensively, except in the matter of horses; he took but one holiday in his whole career; and he af-