

weeks after the acute attack from some unexplained cause.

A still later series of fourteen cases treated by Dr. Billington in conjunction with Dr. W. E. Bullard (in order that the patients might receive the fullest possible amount of attention) all recovered, so that we have fifty-five cases altogether, with only one death directly attributable to the disease. In a large number of these the attack was of very great severity.

From his observations, Dr. Billington has been induced to believe that a laryngeal or tracheal complication can often be prevented or aborted by the use of the spray, and that even after the membranes have been fully formed in this locality it is of very great service. Calomel has also proved useful in many cases. The inhalation of *hot* vapor, he thinks, renders the surface more favorable to the absorption of septic materials, and therefore injurious.

He did not express a positive opinion as to the identity or non-identity of croup and diphtheria, but apparently seemed to hold to the former view.

—*Phila. Med. Times.*

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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

With the issue of another number the fourth Volume of the Canada Medical Record will be completed. We therefore desire that all who have not yet remitted us their subscription will do so at once. We have placed the *Record* at the very lowest possible rate, and we think we are only asking our due when we request prompt payment.

THE WOMAN'S HOSPITAL, MONTREAL.

This institution, hitherto under the immediate control of Drs. Hingston and Leprohon, has been transferred to the Medical Faculty of Bishop's College, and will in future be managed by it. The Lying-in Department has been placed under the control of Dr. Trenholme, Professor of Midwifery. A ward has been also set apart for female diseases, and a daily out-door clinique will be conducted by Drs. F. W. Campbell, Trenholme, Kennedy and Wilkins. Dr. Hingston has been elected consulting Surgeon, and the Medical Faculty of Bishop's College are its consulting Physicians. We understand that the private wards of the Hospital can be occupied by the patients of any regular

physician in good standing. This arrangement will be found a convenience, for it is often a matter of much difficulty to find comfortable private quarters, especially for lying in cases from the country.—*See Advertisement.*

THE CANADIAN MEDICAL MUTUAL Benefit Association has elected the following officers for the ensuing year:—President, Dr. Hodder, Toronto; Vice-Presidents, Dr. Canniff, Toronto; Dr. Jas. H. Richardson, Toronto, Sec.-Treas., Dr. Bridgman, Toronto; Directors—Drs. Winstandley, Pyne, Agnew, Rosebrugh, De La Hooke, and Oldwright, of Toronto; Dr. Jukes, St. Catharines; Dr. Lander, London; and Dr. Henderson, Ottawa.

A SANITARY UNDERTAKER.

A newspaper, published a couple of centuries ago, contains the following advertisement:—

“James Maddox, coffin maker, and clerk of St. Olave, Jury, London, at the sign of the Sugar Loaf and Coffin, in the Old Jury, secureth the corps of any dead body from any ill scent or annoyance, without embalming, embowelling, or wrapping in sear cloth, for as long time as shall be required, or for as long time as they shall keep them above ground; and if it be desired, they may have a view of the face for three or six months, which he hath performed, as is well known to several persons of quality and others in and about the City of London. This is he that took up the corps at Painswick, in Gloucestershire, after it had been 13 weeks buried. He hath also an excellent way to take up any corps that hath been some time buried, and preserve the same from any ill scent for the conveying of it to any other place, as hath been eminently performed by him. He also (by God's blessing) hath cured several persons of quality of the gout, and giveth ease within half-an-hour, though the pain be never so violent.”

PERSONAL.

We were in error in stating in our July number that Dr. Gilbert, jun., son of Dr. Gilbert of Sherbrooke, had passed his final examination before the Royal College of Surgeons of England, in April last. It should have read “primary examination.” The final examination was passed, and the Diploma obtained on the 28th of July. We congratulate Dr. Gilbert.

BIRTHS.

At Compton, Que., on the 11th August, the wife of Reginald A. D. King, M.D., of a daughter.
In Montreal on the 31st July, the wife of George F. Slack, C.M., M.D., M.R.C.S.E., of a daughter.