

formally opened on Wednesday, October 22nd, by the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, in the presence of the Magistrates and Town Council of the City; the Senators of the College of Justice; the professional Staff of the University; the Presidents and Fellows of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons; the managers of the Infirmary: deputations from the Presbyteries and other public bodies; and a long concourse of students of medicine, and others. The assemblage was addressed by the Lord Provost; by Dr. Peddie, President of the Royal College of Physicians; by Mr. Imlach, President of the Royal College of Surgeons; and by Sir Robert Christison.

ESMARCH'S BANDAGE IN MINOR SURGERY.—A writer in the *Australian Medical Journal* calls attention to the value of Esmarch's bandage in the minor surgical operations about the extremities. He has employed it in a number of cases in which no anæsthetic was given, and with almost complete annihilation of pain. In-growing nail, incision of paronychia, removal of foreign bodies, and amputation of phalanges, can be practiced in this way very satisfactorily. A thin solid band or an ordinary Chassaignac's tube may be rolled from the very end, and then a common bandage continued some distance up and made fast. We have seen the plan answer extremely well and can recommend it.

“**CHICAGO MEDICAL GAZETTE.**”—We have received the first number of this publication, dated January, 1880. It is edited by E. C. Dudley, M.D., and seems to contain a good selection of editorial and other matter. We wish it success.

DIPHThERIA IN LOWER ANIMALS.—In a house at Ogdensburg, N.Y., five children were ill with diphtheria. Three kittens who had been playing with them from time to time took the disease and died. *Post mortem* examination showed diphtheritic membrane in their throats.—*Med. and Surg. Journal.*

—The *Phila. Med. and Surg. Reporter* says:—“Some time ago we called attention to the disparity which exists in Montreal between Protestants and Catholics in reference to deaths