

Miscellaneous.

THE Medical Profession of Toronto have decided to invite the Canadian Medical Association to an excursion to Couchiching.

COMPLIMENTARY SUPPER TO DR. BULL.—Dr. Bull, of Weston, was entertained by a large number of gentlemen from Toronto, Weston and its surroundings, and South York, generally, on the occasion of his leaving Weston for European travel.

ORILLIA ASYLUM.—Dr. Wallace, of Spencer-ville has been appointed medical superintendent of the Orillia Asylum for the Insane. The idiots at present inmates of the various Asylums in Ontario, will now be removed to Orillia, and be replaced by a large number of lunatics at present committed to the Provincial gaols.

NEW MEDICAL JOURNALS.—The *Archives of Clinical Surgery*, published in New York, and edited by Dr. Bermingham, is a valuable addition to our periodical literature. It promises to deal with surgery in all its special branches, and advertises a list of influential and able contributors. *The Ohio Medical and Surgical Recorder* is the title of a new monthly published in Columbus, U.S. We wish the new journals every encouragement.

TOOTHACHE REMEDY Mr. C. A. Guild writes to the *Clinic*: "I have found collodion mixed with enough carbolic acid to form a jelly-like mass to be an excellent remedy for toothache. About equal parts will form a 'stiff' jelly, which may be taken on the end of a pine stick and placed in the cavity of the aching tooth. The pain will be relieved almost instantly if it depends on an exposed nerve. I have found this the most reliable and convenient remedy I ever tried."

In a paper read at the Madrid Academy of Medicine, Dr. St. Martin, having examined into the condition of 551 infants resulting from 149 consanguineous marriages, comes to the

conclusion that the belief which prevails of the danger of such marriages rests upon a very slender foundation. In support of this opinion the "Independencia Medica" states that at the Deaf and Dumb School at Barcelona there have been admitted 253 children during 31 years, and of these only 15 were the issue of consanguineous parents.

THE CONVENTION OF THE MEDICAL COLLEGES OF THE UNITED STATES was held on June 2nd and 3rd last, at which the following resolutions in regard to beneficiary scholarships were unanimously adopted:—*Whereas*, The practice of reducing or remitting in individual cases the established fees of a college has the objectionable feature of discriminating between students who may be equally deserving, and opening the door to possible gross abuses; therefore, *Resolved*, That this convention regards the above privilege as one to be deprecated in general, and if put into practice at all, to be exercised both rarely and reluctantly, and only in unusual circumstances, and after unsolicited application by proven deserving candidates. *Resolved*, That anything like a wholesale system of such reduction or remission of established fees, or *any open solicitation of recipients of such favors*, be regarded as in the highest degree improper, and that any college indulging in such practices deserves to forfeit its place on the *ad eundem* list of medical colleges.—Those who may be looking forward to have tickets or degrees recognized in other colleges would do well to keep this in mind.—*Louisville Medical News*.

COLOUR CURE FOR INSANITY.—The theory that colours exert an influence on brain diseases is being practically tested in Italy, with most extraordinary results. A certain Dr. Ponza gives an account of some successful experiments recently tried upon lunatics at an asylum for the insane at Alessandria, Italy. The following instances were cited as illustrations of the treatment and its effects:—"A taciturn and melancholy lunatic, who rarely ate of his own accord, was made to lie down in a room with red glass windows and the walls painted red.