

How different is the condition of things to-day. The towns, villages, and country districts, are now abundantly supplied with medical men, good or fair carriage roads have been constructed along the coast line and through the interior, of all the counties of the provinces. Railroads, almost out of proportion to the population, exist, patients can be prescribed for, and consultations held, by telegraph and telephone, and the land is flooded with medical periodicals containing valuable and practical matter, at reasonable prices. All these advantages and privileges, the cultured and genial Edward Carritt, and those whose life work terminated years ago, were deprived of. Those of us who now occupy their fields, may truly say, that the lines have fallen unto us in pleasant places, and we have a goodly heritage.

D. McN. PARKER.

WILLIAM HAMILTON HOBKIRK, M.D., F.R.C.S., England, whose death took place on Oct. 29th, 1888, was in his 79th year. Dr. Hobkirk was born in England, in the year 1810. He studied his profession at Guy's and St. Thomas' Hospital, London. He obtained his membership of the Royal College of Surgeons, in 1837, and some years later was made a Fellow. He located in Charlottetown, in 1838, and had been during many years one of the most prominent citizens, and leading physician of that city. He had medical charge of the troops stationed there in earlier days, and for many years was health officer for the city and quarantine officer for the port. He was, until within a few months of his death, the consular agent in his province for France.

He was a diligent and cultured representative of his profession, courteous in manner, and greatly respected both by his professional brethren and his fellow citizens.

### *Personal and General.*

THE New York Academy of Medicine is forty years old, and has nearly five hundred members.

DR. ALEX. PRIMROSE has been appointed one of the assistant demonstrators of anatomy in the Medical Faculty, Toronto University.

THE *Sanitary News* says there has not been a single epidemic reported this summer that was not directly traceable to neglect of ordinary sanitary requirements.

DR. JOSEPH DWYER, the originator of Intubation of the Larynx, has been appointed Professor of Diseases of Children in the New York Post Graduate Medical School and Hospital.

DR. LAWSON TAIT takes as his assistants three physicians, charging them each one hundred dollars a month, during which time they assist at all his operations and become familiar with his methods.

ALL who know Dr. Ruggles, of Weymouth, will hear with pleasure that after having undergone an operation for cataract, he has regained his sight. Dr. Ruggles is now, we believe, the medical patriarch of Nova Scotia.

DURING the winter elementary lectures will be delivered at the Natural History Society Rooms, St. John, by Dr. W. W. White, on Origin of Species; Dr. Crawford, on Organs of Sense in Animals; Dr. Kenny, on Zoology; and D. A. F. Emery, on Digestive Apparatus of Animals.

THE substantial additions made to the Victoria General Hospital are expected to be ready for occupation by about May next.

The wards are large, high and well lighted, and will

increase the accommodation of the Hospital to some 150 beds, the present number being about 86.

It is intended that certain wards will be devoted to special classes of cases, there being particularly in view a gynecological ward.

The enlarged Hospital presents a considerably more imposing appearance than did the original building.

### *Letters.*

*To the Editor of the Maritime Medical News:*

SIR,—I hail the first number (just received) of the MEDICAL NEWS, as indicating a progressive spirit amongst the medical profession of the Maritime Provinces. I have on more occasions than one, through the public prints and otherwise, advocated that the time had come when the younger men at least, of the profession, would be largely benefitted by some medium through which they could ventilate and exchange their medical views in some other manner than through the newspapers.

A work of this description is much needed in the Maritime Provinces. It will serve as a journal through which the doctors can exchange their opinions on the various topics that come under the jurisdiction of a Medical Journal. It is true that the field is pretty well occupied by the various American and Canadian periodicals in medical literature, and the fact that three-fourths of the graduates in Medicine and Surgery, (in Nova Scotia at least), are from the United States, would indicate that (from a medical point of view), a preference is made for the medical literature of that country. But as we now have a full fledged Medical Journal launched forth from our own *Sanctum* may we not hope that the MARITIME MEDICAL NEWS may prove to be a credit to its founders and promoters, and that its career may be as prosperous as its columns are meritorious.

Yours truly,

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Halifax County, N. S.

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### *Books and Pamphlets Received.*

WRITING MACHINES FOR DOCTORS—By John Auld, M. D.

REPORT ON HYDROPHOBIA—By Chas. W. Dulles. M. D., Philadelphia.

MINERAL AND THERMAL SPRINGS OF CALIFORNIA—By W. F. McNutt, M. D., San Francisco.

CERTAIN EYE SYMPTOMS OF INTRACRANIAL ORIGIN—By J. W. Sterling, M. B., (Edin.), Montreal.

TREATMENT OF DISEASES OF WOMEN, PUERPERAL AND NON-PUERPERAL—By Chas. N. Goodwin, M. D. Leonard & Co., New York.

THE MONTHLY INDEX—A Monthly Bulletin of the Medical Exchange, published by E. G. Jones, M. D., 312 Union Ave., Paterson, N. J., U. S. A.

TREATMENT OF HYDROCELE BY INCISION OF THE TUNICA VAGINALIS AND BY A NEW PROCEDURE—By W. F. McNutt, M. D., M. R. C. P., Edin., Prof. of Principles and Practice of Medicine in the University of California.

COMMUNICATIONS, letters, &c., have been received from Prof. Austin Flint, New York; Charles W. Dulles, Philadelphia; Dr. J. W. McKay, Thorburn; Dr. D. W. Johnson, Tatamagouche; Messrs. Leonard & Co., New York; "Pioneer" Publishing Co., Billings, Clapp & Co., Boston; Dr. E. G. Jones, Paterson, N. J.; Journal Publishing Co., Baltimore; Surgeon-General's Office, War Department, Washington; Chas. E. Sajous, M. D., Philadelphia; A. J. Murchison, Toronto; Messrs. Fairchild Bros. & Foster, New York; Editor *Nursing Record*, London, Eng.; Dr. Purdy, Moncton; John B. Alders, New York, &c., &c.