

Medical Items.

TERRITORIAL DIVISION OF WEST TORONTO.—West Toronto has now no representative in the Ontario Medical Council on account of the resignation of Dr. Machell, as mentioned in another portion of this issue. There are now two candidates in the field. Dr. James Spence was asked to become a candidate, September 25th, and consented. On the following day a number of residents of the division induced Dr. Jas. H. Burns to become a candidate. Dr. Burns was for some years a member of the council, was vice-president of that body in 1887-8, and president in 1888-9. Both of the candidates are strong men with good backing, and either will make a good representative.

RAILWAY HOSPITAL CARS.—The latest novelty in foreign railroad-ing is the hospital car, designed to serve a double purpose. In the event of a serious accident, these cars can be run to the place of the disaster, where the injured may be picked up and carried to the nearest large city for treatment, instead of being left to pass long hours at some wayside station while awaiting surgical attendance. It also enables the railway companies at certain seasons or upon special occasions to transport large numbers of invalids to health resorts or places of pilgrimage. The interior of the car is divided into a main compartment, a corridor to one side, and two small rooms at the end. The largest compartment is the hospital proper; it contains twenty-four isolated beds. Each patient lies in front of two little windows, which may be closed or opened at will. Each bed is provided with a movable table, and a cord serves to hold all the various small objects which the patient may require. The corridors on the outside lead to the linen closet and the doctor's apartments. Various trap doors in the floor, when opened, disclose to view an ice chest, a compartment for the disinfection of soiled linen, and a provision cellar. If necessary, a portion of the hospital chamber may be transformed into an operating room for urgent cases. Finally, as customary abroad, a small chapel for religious worship is provided. This car will be put in charge of a surgeon and nurses, and will be chiefly used to carry invalids from Belgium direct to the health resorts of France.—*Baltimore Sun*.