

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE EXAMINING BOARD FOR NEW YORK.—The State Medical Society of New York, at its recent annual session had two bills under consideration with this object in view. The matter was very thoroughly discussed and it was deemed unadvisable to press any specific measure upon the Legislature at present. A special committee composed of the Committee on Legislation and Dr. Loomis Dr. Vanderveer and Dr. Curtis was appointed to report a bill at the next annual session. The difficulty appeared to depend upon the school men who feared that their rights and privileges were about to be infringed.

THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION have organized a scheme for relief to suffering medical men, under the title of the Medical Sickness Annuity and Life Assurance Society. It has been registered under the Friendly Societies Act. The Society is in good hands, and has fair prospects of becoming a success, and accomplishing much good. J Milner Fothergill, in the *Phil. Med. Times*, cannot help acknowledging its usefulness; nor can he repress the sneer that flows from his pen as he writes the grudging encomium.

THE report of Dr. Rolph Lesslie's death in a battle in the Soudan, which saddened many readers of the secular press, we are pleased to learn is untrue. He had at the time of his reported death just returned to London from the Congo River. Dr. Armand Lesslie, who was the companion of Dr. Rolph Lesslie, and Dr. Kirkpatrick, in the Red Cross Society, in the Turkish war, was the unfortunate cause of the rumour.

It is said that an unknown benefactor of McGill College, Montreal, intends presenting that University with a new building, for the purposes of a Faculty of Applied Science.

SOME time ago a whale was stranded on the coast of Scotland. The carcase was purchased by a party, (doubtless a native of the place), who advertised that it was to be disemboweled under the superintendence of Professor Strothers. The astute owner of the whale erected a platform, and charged a sum for admission to see the *savants* at work, and engaged a band to play selections while the scientists worked.

SOME damage was done to the office of the British Medical Association, in the Strand, on the 30th January, by a fire in an adjoining building. The room occupied by the compositors of the journal and the editor's room were injured, but no serious loss occurred.

THE *Planet* has shed its effulgence upon our table, and its scintillations (in brackets) have lightened the reports of the New York Medical Societies. The old code flag now floats from the *Planet's* pole. The opponents of that code had better keep their weather eye open.

THE Medical Society of the State of New York, appointed as delegates to the Canadian Medical Association, Drs. L. E. Felton, C. M. Wilson, C. Sawyer, F. C. Curtis, and D. V. O'Leary; and to the Ontario Medical Association, Drs. H. R. Hopkins and L. Howe.

### Meetings of Medical Societies.

#### TORONTO MEDICAL SOCIETY.

December 20th, 1883.

The President, Dr. Graham, in the chair. The minutes were read and confirmed. Dr. Burnham and Dr. Natrass were elected to membership.

Dr. Nevitt exhibited a case of skin disease. W. D., æt. 56, temperate and cleanly in his habits; never had syphilis; eight years ago noticed a rash appear on the legs, accompanied by great itching especially at night: there was a little watery discharge from each patch, at first, but afterwards it was not noticed. The disease became general,