

his life, continuing to attain fame as a surgeon and realizing a considerable fortune.

In order to perpetuate his name in this his native city, his son, Dr. C. E. Nelson, of New York, has founded a gold medal of the annual value of fifty dollars, to be competed for by the medical classes of Bishop's College. The subjects for competition are not yet fully decided on, but it is expected will soon be finally arranged. In our next issue we trust to be able to give more particulars.

MEDICAL SCHOOLS.

The medical schools in Montreal are now in full operation, and there appears to be an increase in the number of students entering upon the study of medicine. At the last matriculation examination held in Quebec, nearly one half of the candidates were rejected, which either implies that the examinations are unnecessarily severe, or that something is wrong in the education which young men obtain in this Province. Probably a little of both. The introductory lecture at McGill was delivered by Prof. Osler on the evening of the 2nd, after which there was an exhibition of new Physiological apparatus.

In Bishop's, Prof. Armstrong welcomed the students on the 4th at three in the afternoon, giving the class some good practical advice in regard to their studies and future calling.

Laval inaugurated her Third Medical Session on Tuesday evening, the 5th inst., the Rev. Mr. Beaudet, the vice rector, addressing the meeting, His Lordship the R. C. Bishop of Montreal, the professors in the different Faculties and several distinguished visitors being also present.

The opening address in the French School of Medicine in connection with the University of Victoria was delivered by Prof. Durocher, on Friday, 1st October, at 3 p. m.

PARIS GREEN.

When we wrote last month on the danger attending the indiscriminate sale of Paris green, and the necessity for putting in force existing legislation regulating its sale, we scarcely expected that two more cases of poisoning by this substance would occur in this city before the article itself had reached our readers. One case was fatal, and the particulars have appeared in the daily press. The other was in our own practice. Vomiting having

set in prior to our arrival, the woman's life was happily saved.

We should like to know whether the Paris green taken in these cases was purchased from a licensed pharmacist, and if so whether the sales were registered in the poison book according to law? Surely there is some official whose duty it is to see that the law regulating the sale of deadly poisons is properly carried out.

Let us suppose that a person wishes to poison himself. He is very unlikely to use a poison which is comparatively unknown to the general public. In nine cases out of every ten either arsenic, Paris green, prussic acid, morphine or strychnine is employed. Having decided in his own mind which poison he will use, the would-be suicide sets forth to obtain it, and in order to do this he must apply to a licensed vendor of poison, who, under the Act, cannot sell it unless he knows the person applying for it personally, or receives an introduction to him from some one known to both. This difficulty of obtaining deadly poison is a wise provision, as it is evident that any respectable pharmacist, in order to prevent his establishment from being mixed up in a poisoning case, will take every precaution as to whom he sells such things as laudanum, arsenic or Paris green, and it is quite possible that many embryo murderers and suicides would be altogether deterred from accomplishing their design by the very salutary regulations laid down in the Pharmacy Act, *were they more generally enforced.*

The Druggists' poison register might and has frequently been a source of valuable information to detectives in cases where cattle, as well as human beings, have been destroyed. By all means, gentlemen of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Association, let us have the law rigidly enforced, especially the registration of all sales of Paris green.

We have received the first number of the *Rocky Mountain Medical Review*, a monthly journal of Scientific Medicine and General Science, published at Colorado Springs, Colorado, at a subscription price of \$5.00 per annum. This journal promises to be a valuable addition to the many able Medical journals of the United States. Its Editors, six in number, are among the leading physicians of Denver and the Springs, and if they will only work up the material at their command their venture must be successful. Much can be said of the benefit derived by a residence in Colorado of persons