

We sincerely trust Dr. Darrach's health may shortly improve.

Dr. T. S. Covernton, of Winnipeg, left England on the 30th of July, on a voyage to Penang, Singapore, Shanghai, Amoy and Hong Kong. He expects to return in December.

Dr. Hamilton Meikle, son of Rev. Mr. Meikle, of Oakville, has successfully passed his examination as surgeon in the Royal Navy.

Dr. Thomas Gray, of Ontario, formerly of Brigus, N. F., has successfully passed his examination for the double qualification of L.R.C.P. and S., Edin.

Dr. Theophilus Parvin, of Indianapolis, has been elected Prof. of Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and Children at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in place of Dr. Ellerslie Wallace, resigned.

Dr. Phelan, of Kingston, has returned from the continent to resume his practice. While abroad he attended the Mater Misericordiæ Hospital at Dublin, the London Hospital, the Beaujon and Salpetriere in Paris, and the City Hospital at Brussels.

VICTORIA MEDICAL SCHOOL, MONTREAL.—This school which is in affiliation with Victoria College, Cobourg, has been in successful operation for several years; but a strong rivalry prevailed between her and the Laval University medical school. Instructions were issued by the authorities of the church that Laval should be supported. The professors and students of Victoria continued to act contrary to the spirit of the official declaration. An order was then issued to the sisters of Hotel Dieu to refuse admission to all professors and students, except those of Laval. The sisters appealed to Rome, and the professors to a committee of Provincial Bishops. The latter have decided that no Catholic can conscientiously form part of Victoria School or attend lectures there, and those who do so cannot be admitted to the sacrament of the church, and the former have been again ordered to close their doors to professors and students of Victoria. This mandate effectually disposes of the Victoria School of Medicine, which is much to be regretted, as the school was doing a good work and was besides a means of stimulating healthy rivalry in medical teaching.

Just as we go to press, we learn that a cablegram

has been received from the Pope, ordering the Victoria school to be carried on as usual for the present.

CANADIAN SANITARY ASSOCIATION.—The first meeting of the Canadian Sanitary Association will take place in Kingston on the 6th of September, immediately after the meeting of the Canada Medical Association. A provisional committee has been elected, with Dr. Playter, of Toronto, as Chairman, and F. N. Boxer, C.E., as Secretary. The object of the association may be briefly stated as follows: To promote sanitary education; obtain joint legislative action when necessary between the several governments; to prevent the spread of infectious diseases; to secure the mutual co-operation of the boards of health, and to publish in a sanitary journal lectures on the laws of physics, chemistry of sewage, water pollution, etc.

LEPROSY AT TRACADIE.—A party of New York physicians, consisting of Drs. Fox, Williams, Pardee, Crosby and others, recently visited Tracadie, New Brunswick, to study the cases of leprosy in the lazaretto. A report on this subject will be made to the New York Dermatological Association. Dr. Fox remained several days in the institution, in order to watch more closely the condition and habits of the patients, and the nature of the disease. We are pleased to learn that the disease is dying out at Tracadie. Five years ago there were 36 cases in the lazaretto, whereas at present there are only 24.

ACTION FOR ALLEGED SLANDER.—The proprietors of the Throat and Lung Institute have brought suits against Dr. McCammon, of Kingston, and Dr. Bray, of Chatham, members of the Ontario Medical Council, for having, it is alleged, spoken in debate of the plaintiffs as quacks, medical prostitutes, etc. Damages are claimed to the extent of \$10,000 against each of the defendants. Whether the cases do or do not come to a trial—they will serve in the meantime to advertise the "spirometer" men.

PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.—The Manitoba Legislature, during the last session, passed a most stringent measure for the prevention of the spread of smallpox and other infectious diseases. The *Manitoba Free Press* gives a complete