

## THE LANCET

### MANITOBA PROVINCIAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

It is proposed to hold a meeting of the Provincial Medical Association of Manitoba early in November. Arrangements will be made with the various railways for reduction of fares. As this will be the first important meeting lately held of the Profession of the whole province, it is hoped that every medical man in practice in Manitoba will endeavor to attend. All gentlemen desirous of reading papers before the Association should notify the secretary, Dr. Hutton, Winnipeg, before the 20th of October. The election of officers for the ensuing year will take place at this meeting. The professional men of the city will endeavor to make the sojourn of our brethren, outside the hours of business, as pleasant as possible. Notify before the 20th of October your desire to attend. It is proposed to give a banquet by the city practitioners to visiting brethren.

### MISLEADING DESIGNATIONS.

Some late appointments have been made by the City Fathers, to which have been given very misleading designations, calculated to bring on these gentlemen a considerable amount of ridicule. A person not acquainted with the facts, who reads of Mr. So and So being appointed health officer, and Mist'ers So and So as assistant health officers, on finding out that not one of the three persons so appointed had any medical training, would naturally register a mental opinion not flattering as to the wisdom and capabilities of Winnipeg's Mayor and Aldermen in making such appointments. The health officers now appointed in all English cities and counties are medical men highly trained in this special branch of medicine, and are adequately remunerated for their services. But, in vindication of the City Fathers, we may ex-

plain that the appointments alluded to were those of, nuisance inspectors to oversee the due performance of the scavenging, and the removal of all nuisances, cleaning of back yards and closets. This is but another example of the inordinate love for bombastic prefixes so dear to the sons of the western world. Harmless, but misleading, and very provocative of undue irritation to the muscles of Santorini.

### WINNIPEG GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Now that the addition to this Institution, the central hospital of the province, is assured, the profession and the public may fairly look forward to the remodeling of its internal economy in unison with that of like Institutions throughout the civilized world. That up to the present time it has well fulfilled its position, and that its promoters, directors, supporters and medical staff are deserving of unstinted thanks from the Manitoba public no one acquainted with the Institution can gainsay. But the further addition, to cost \$50,000, calls for the fullest development of its enlarged capabilities, not alone as a haven of refuge and hope for those seeking alleviation from the ills that flesh is heir to, but also a home for the clinical instruction of the young men who in their turn will be called upon to fulfil those duties now discharged by the present professional staff. The practice hitherto prevailing, which gave to each medical attendant a certain turn of duty—though probably from various causes a necessity—ought now to be abandoned. Advance has recently been made in dividing the staff into physicians and surgeons; the time limit, however, still remains, though friendly arrangements exist by which each medical man can follow up attendance on his patients undischarged at the expiration of his term of duty. This practice is one not in the interests of either patients or students. As an educational institution it cripples its usefulness, and the professional regulations now called for should fulfil all requirements. A full staff should