

in medicine and clinical medicine, instead of assistant demonstrator in anatomy. Dr. K. C. McIlwraith, demonstrator of obstetrics, instead of assistant demonstrator of anatomy. Dr. W. P. Caven, associate demonstrator of clinical medicine. H. T. Machell, M.D., associate professor of obstetrics and pediatrics, his work to be confined to pediatrics. G. Chambers, M.A., M.B., demonstrator on clinical medicine. Dr. G. R. McDonagh, professor of laryngology and rhinology. W. H. Ellis, M.A., M.B., professor of toxicology. Bertram Spencer, M.D., professor of medical jurisprudence. Dr. W. H. Beemer, to be extra mural professor of mental diseases.

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TREATMENT OF INEBRIATES.

To the Editor of DOMINION MEDICAL MONTHLY :

SIR,—Just previous to the meeting of the Ontario Legislature the Public Health Committee of the Ontario Medical Association had an interview with the Hon. G. W. Ross regarding the medical treatment of inebriates. This was followed by an interview from the Prisoners' Aid Association. At this latter interview the Premier made a request that a bill be drafted and submitted for the consideration of the Government. This was done jointly by the two bodies mentioned, and it was submitted to, and endorsed by, the medical members of the Legislature. It was also strongly endorsed by an influential deputation of ladies and gentlemen who waited upon the Government a little later, but from whatever cause the bill was not introduced. This bill is based on the Massachusetts Probation System, and as I wished to strengthen the hands of those who are promoting the adoption of the proposed bill I recently visited Massachusetts in the interests of the proposed measure. My observations and conclusions may possibly be of interest to the readers of the DOMINION MEDICAL MONTHLY.

The probation system was adopted in the State of Massachusetts several years ago in dealing with youthful offenders under sixteen years of age, and the results were so satisfactory that about five years ago the system was extended to cases of adult first offenders and to the more hopeful cases of inebriety. The results, it is claimed, have been most gratifying. In every criminal court throughout the State an officer, called a probation officer, is appointed by the court who takes the supervision of cases placed on probation under suspended sentences. The probation officer makes