

THE physicians in North Carolina are taxed ten dollars a year.

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DR. R. A. REEVE has been elected Dean of the Medical Faculty of Toronto University.

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DR. RICHARDSON'S CASE.—In the extreme anxiety that prevails at present at the City Hall, the Board of Control have come to the conclusion that the services of Dr. J. H. Richardson, jail surgeon, can be dispensed with. With this decision we do not agree. Dr. Richardson has had an extensive experience of forty years as jail surgeon, and has rendered valuable services to the city in the past. There is a great difference between economy and parsimony. If the work is to be performed by the medical health department, it simply seems that more help will have to be engaged. We fail to see what good could come from any such change. We hope Dr. Richardson will be retained.

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CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—On August 26th, 27th and 28th next, there will be held at Montreal the meeting of the Canadian Medical Association. This promises to be one of the most important that have ever been held, owing to the fact that something definite will be done in the matter of Inter-provincial registration. Each province is sending one or more delegates to meet with the Association committee on the day preceding the meeting, and no doubt good will be accomplished. The scientific side of the programme promises well, and there will be distinguished Canadians and Americans to take part, many of whom have already promised. We all know too well how our Montreal friends can entertain, so that we can feel confident of the success of the social side of the programme.

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THE CAUSES OF DEATH OF PROMINENT PERSONS.—Dr. Michel has been looking up the subject, and has collected many interesting facts. The following he believes to be accurate. Lord Bacon died of pneumonia, aged 65; Ben. Johnson, apoplexy; Benjamin Franklin, abscess of lung, aged 84; Washington, acute laryngitis, aged 67; Edward Gibbon, hydrocele, aged 57; Napoleon, cancer of stomach, Thomas Gray, gout, aged 54; Bobbie Burns, rheumatism, aged 37; Byron, heart disease, aged 36; Martin Luther, gastritis; Cromwell, intermittent fever; Sir Walter Scott, apoplexy; Shelley, drowned; Keats, consumption; John Milton, gout, aged 65; Sir Isaac Newton, stone in the bladder; Voltaire died of strangury, probably due to enlarged