

years later a separate pavilion was erected for use in treating patients requiring abdominal section. Last year an important addition was made to the hospital in providing a building for gynecological work only, with ward accommodation for in-patients, and rooms for the reception and treatment of out-patients. We are glad to learn that there is at present in process of completion a number of rooms to be devoted exclusively to general out-patient work, and that here ample accommodation will be provided for both physician and surgeon, so that patients will now be able to receive treatment in apartments well adapted for the purpose. We understand that ample space will be afforded for waiting rooms, and that a limited number of students will be able to attend the out-door clinics. It is difficult to exaggerate the importance of utilizing the material presented at the out-door clinics of a large hospital for the benefit of the student. The facilities for doing this at the Toronto General Hospital have been inadequate in the past; and whilst the conditions have been such that the students have been unable to gain much good in the out-door department, the patients, too, have suffered much inconvenience from overcrowding. The constant growth of the city, and the increasing number of medical students in our schools, demand increased facilities for hospital work, and the managers of the hospital are to be congratulated on the energy which they have displayed in providing from time to time the necessary means for carrying on the work efficiently.

There are yet certain directions in which improvement is urgently called for. The arrangements for conducting *post mortem* examinations are at present far short of what is needed. It is a very great advantage to have, in connection with a large hospital, a properly equipped theatre and a well-arranged laboratory for the examination and demonstration of morbid anatomy; this is, indeed, an absolute necessity. The present means afforded for the conduct of such examinations are far from being satisfactory; this fact is no doubt fully recognised by the authorities, and we trust that, as soon as circumstances permit, this feature, so necessary in the equipment of the institution, will receive due attention, and that our hospital will ere long rival the finest institutions of the

kind on the continent. The Toronto General Hospital has at present 360 beds, and the number of patients seen in the various out-door clinics is large.

#### THE INTER-CONTINENTAL (OR PAN-) AMERICAN MEDICAL CONGRESS.

In July last Dr. James F. W. Ross, of Toronto, was appointed the Executive Committee-man for British North America.

Foreign Executive Committee-men are expected to organize the profession in their respective countries in the interest of the Congress. They are asked to

(1) Nominate one vice-president for the Congress.

(2) Nominate one secretary for each section of the Congress.

(3) Appoint auxiliary committee-men in local medical societies, or in considerable towns and cities where no medical societies exist.

Dr. Ross, we are pleased to state, has his district, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, well in hand. Many of the selections have been made, and when the list is completed the names will be published. Dr. J. E. Graham, of Toronto, has been nominated for a vice-president, and he, with several others, has assisted Dr. Ross in making the Ontario selections. Drs. F. J. Shepherd and Lachapelle, of Montreal, and Ahern, of Quebec, have given valuable assistance in the Quebec selections; and Dr. Muir, of Tiro, Nova Scotia, has done similar work for the Maritime Provinces. These auxiliaries are nominated for the purpose of creating an interest in the Congress among the members of the profession in each city, town, or district. To them will be sent all the official literature printed from time to time by the Committee on Permanent Organization. In his letter to those nominated Dr. Ross says: "I have endeavored to secure progressive practitioners of good standing in the profession. The Congress will be composed of members of the medical profession living in the 'western hemisphere.' It is the first time that Canadians have been asked to take an official part in any American congress of medical men."

Professor Pepper, of Philadelphia, has been elected president of the Congress, and he has never yet done anything by halves. Under his