

Miscellaneous.

THE attention of our readers is called to the advertisement of Canesda Water, which appears for the first time. This, a Canadian mineral water, with composition very similar to that of the celebrated Bethesda, which was so largely used in cases of diabetes.

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THE returns from the medical schools in London show the lowest total entry of new students for the full curriculum which has been recorded for many years. The average for the five years, 1881-85, was 635; for the five years 1886-90, it was 646, and for the five years 1891-95, it was 598. This year the total is 478.—*British Medical Journal*.

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SIR JOHN ERICHSEN'S WILL.—Estate duty has been paid on £88,619 as the value of the personal estate of Sir John Eric Erichsen, Surgeon Extraordinary to the Queen, President of the University College, who died at Folkestone on September 23rd, aged seventy-eight years. The testator bequeaths to University College his surgical instruments and appliances, and to University College Hospital £2,000 for the rebuilding fund exclusively; to Mr. Christopher Heath and Mr. William Meredith the copyright of "The Science and Art of Surgery," but excluding the profits of the tenth edition thereof; to the Royal College of Surgeons his best bust in marble, by Thornycroft; to the British Museum his gold Fothergillian medal, presented to him by the Royal Humane Society.—*British Medical Journal*.

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THE reorganization of the Canadian Militia Medical Service demands the early and earnest attention of the Dominion Government. It is quite clear that, should the splendid fighting material available for Canadian defence have to be suddenly mobilized, the medical service would be utterly unfit to play its part, and a lamentable and culpable loss of life would result therefrom. The regimental medical officers in their present untrained and unequipped condition would not be able to afford even first aid to the wounded, while the total absence of organized bearer companies and field hospitals would leave multitudes of brave men to perish miserably. What can the Dominion "military advisers" be thinking about?—*British Medical Journal*.