

MEDICAL ITEMS.

The Fourteenth International Medical Congress will be held this year in Madrid, from April 23 to 30.

We understand that certain physicians of Montreal, after an extended trial of anti-streptococcus serum in severe cases of scarlet fever, have abandoned its use.

The Secretary of the Canadian Medical Protective Association has issued a third circular letter to the medical profession asking physicians to become members. The fee for membership is \$2.50. Send your name and fee to Dr. F. W. McKinnon, Ottawa.

The executors of the estate of the late Hart A. Massey have contributed, on behalf of the estate, a subscription of \$5,000 to the fund for the erection of a Convocation Hall for the University of Toronto. The subscriptions now amount to about \$30,000. The full amount required is \$50,000.

At the annual meeting of the British Columbia graduates of McGill University, held February 14th, Dr. D. H. Harrison, the oldest graduate in that province (1864), was elected to the presidency. Dr. McGregor, Vancouver, founder of the society, was re-elected secretary; Dr. Tunstall, Vancouver, treasurer, and Dr. G. H. Manchester, New Westminster, one of the vice-presidents.

The annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the Victorian Order of Nurses was held March 5th at Government House, His Excellency the Governor-General presiding. The reports showed the order to be flourishing all over the Dominion, and that \$50,000 was raised last year. Her Excellency has now under way a scheme for raising an endowment fund, the interest of which shall go to maintain the central work.

A new Therapeutical Society has recently been established in England, with Sir William Thistleton-Dyer, K.C.M.G., F.R.S., as president. Sir William is the Director of Kew Gardens in succession to the late Sir William Hooker, K.C.B. It is purposed to have a central bureau, where explorers and others can bring the results of their researches among foreign races, civilized or otherwise, on matters of therapeutical interest. The meetings are to be held in the rooms of the Apothecaries' Company.