

council members representing petty corporate interests, and an increase in the proportion of elected members. Such a reform would be worth paying two dollars a year for.—*Med. Press and Circular*.

CYCLING FOR CHILDREN.—Something like a newspaper controversy is going on as to the question whether cycling is injurious to health. The matter was very well put by Dr. Luff in his address to the students at St. Mary's Hospital, and extensively quoted from our pages in the public press. Cycling is no exception to the golden rule of moderation in all things. It is the pace that kills, and unfortunately most cycling clubs appear to be disposed to encouraging racing unduly. This is a great mistake; it makes the mere traversing of the ground an end, whereas it ought only to be a means to an end. The safety bicycles, which are now the favorite pattern, encourage, if they do not compel, a style of riding which tends to bow the back and contract the chest. The effect on boys and youths who are not naturally well developed is undoubtedly injurious, and we should regard with some suspicion the advice given by a medical writer in the *Bicycling News*, which would encourage parents to let their children bicycle. The tricycle is much better adapted for them, and, if of proper size and properly adjusted, its use may be of benefit if the amount of exercise is carefully regulated. Probably the best companion for a child is a middle-aged rider who traverses a moderate distance, at a moderate pace, who will not indulge in trials of speed against time, and is not ashamed to dismount at a hill too steep to be ridden with comfort. The strain upon the heart on a steep incline, especially if the surface is bad, may be seriously injurious.—*Brit. Med. Jour.*

THE VICE-CHANCELLORSHIP OF THE UNIVERSITY.—At the meeting of the Senate, Nov. 11, Mr. W. Mulock was re-elected vice-chancellor, practically without opposition. It was conceded by all that he would be elected as a matter of course, but certain parties wished to place themselves on record as voting against him, and Dr. I. H. Cameron good-naturedly allowed himself to be the medium for their purposes. The vote stood: Mulock, 31; Cameron, 15. Dr. Cameron

explained that he did not wish the position, and could not take it if he were elected. Notwithstanding his explanation, his action in allowing his name to stand caused considerable surprise, and, in some quarters at least, regret.

THE WINYAH SANITARIUM for diseases of the lungs and throat, in Ashville, N. C., was destroyed by fire, August 24; but the occupants (175 in number) were removed without any accident. We understand the sanitarium is being rapidly rebuilt, and it is expected that the new structure will be ready for the reception of patients, on Nov. 20, and will still be under the direction of Dr. Karl Von Ruck, who is very well known in the United States, and to a certain extent in Canada, through his contributions to medical literature.

MESSRS. LEA BROTHERS & Co. will shortly issue a text-book on Nervous and Mental Diseases, by Dr. Landon Carter Gray, Professor of Diseases of the Mind and Nervous System in the New York Polyclinic.

ALARMED.—Physician (after examination)—Well, colonel, you have water on the brain. Kentuckian—Great heavens, doctor! Is there any danger of it reaching my stomach?—*Life*.

THE books and surgical instruments of the late Dr. John Fulton will be sold by auction at The Mart, 57 King street east, Toronto, on Friday, Nov. 18.

It is said that the numbers of medical students in Edinburgh are much less this session than they have been for several years.

THE second International Dermatological Congress was held in Vienna from September 5th to 10th, 1892.

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