

Dr. Atherton (Toronto), "Abdominal Section for Uterine Myomata;" Dr. Nattress (Toronto), "Field Hospitals in the North-West Territory;" Dr. A. E. Hanna (Lansdowne), "Enlarged Prostate;" Dr. Gardner (Montreal) "Double Uterus, with specimen;" Dr. Oldright (Toronto), "Pernicious Anæmia;" Dr. Ames (Brigden), "Rattlesnake Bite;" Dr. Wilkins (Montreal), "Specimens illustrating the Infective Nature of Tuberculosis;" Dr. Stewart (Montreal), "The Curability of Chronic Infantile Paralysis."

There is every prospect of an important and successful meeting, and we trust that all who can will be in attendance.

### OBITUARIES.

HON. DR. E. A. VAIL.—It is with great regret that we announce the death of Dr. Vail, of Sussex, N. B. He has been connected with the government of his native province for many years and was well known for his many good qualities. He was born in 1817, studied medicine in Edinburgh, and graduated in Glasgow University, in 1837. Although he did not seek public honors, his personal popularity led to his nomination and election in 1857, since which time, with few intermissions, he has continued to represent his county in Parliament. He was one of the most skilful and popular practitioners in New Brunswick, and was held in high esteem socially.

DR. ALFRED JACKSON.—In the death of Dr. Jackson, of Quebec, another of the links that join the past with the present generation has passed away. He had attained the ripe age of 75 years, nearly half a century of which was spent in the practice of his profession in the Gibraltar of America. For many years he occupied the important position of Dean of the Medical Faculty of Laval University. He was one of the oldest and most respected practitioners in Quebec, and will be missed by a large circle of friends and relations.

DR. W. G. METCALF.—The news of the assassination of Dr. Metcalf, Superintendent of the Kingston Insane Asylum, by one of the lunatics confined therein, was a painful surprise to his many warm friends in all parts of the province. Dr. Metcalf was one of our most promising young alie-

ists. He had been schooled at the feet of the venerable father of alienists, Dr. Joseph Workman, and had already attained great eminence for a man of his years. He fell a victim to that system of kindness in treatment with which he had been indoctrinated during his early career. He was born in Uxbridge in 1859, and was therefore in his 38th year at the time of his death. He studied medicine in the the Toronto School of Medicine, and graduated in Toronto University in 1872. Soon after, he commenced to devote himself to the treatment of the insane, in which he had already acquired great success. He leaves a young wife, and a daughter by a former marriage.

DR. W. H. McDONALD.—The very sudden and unexpected death of Dr. McDonald, of this city, took all his friends by surprise. He appeared to be in perfect health up to the time of his death, and was actively engaged in his professional round of duties. The deceased was about 30 years of age, and was a most promising physician for his years. He was gold medallist of Trinity University, and although only a short time in the city had acquired an excellent practice. The cause of his death is supposed to be heart failure, probably occasioned by the use of some medicinal agent.

ACUTE DYSENTERY.—Prof. Da Costa administers ipecacuanha, in twenty grain doses, every two or three hours, guarded with opium, and has had very marked results from this plan. It is especially good in puerperal dysentery, as Prof. Bartholow has pointed out. The opium plan (one-half grain every two hours) is also very good. Rochelle salts one ounce in divided doses in the first twenty-four hours and less thereafter. This does not preclude the simultaneous use of opium. Both the ipecacuanha and the saline purgative plans should be abandoned in two days, if no change in the condition of the patient is seen; they are rapid or valueless in their action. Next comes bismuth subnitrate, ten to twenty grains every two or three hours. The use of ice-water injections three or four times a day was originated by him some years ago, and are valuable in many cases.

PILOCARPINE IN PNEUMONIA.—Pilocarpine seems to be growing in favor in the treatment of pneumonia—especially double pneumonia. It is claimed