

ONTARIO MEDICAL ACT AMENDMENTS. A meeting of the profession in the territorial division of Midland and York, was held in Toronto on the 16th ult., to consider the proposed amendments to the Ontario Medical Act and to frame a tariff for the division. The following amendments were agreed upon: 1st. That colleges and universities that neither teach nor confer degrees in medicine, shall not be entitled to representation on the council. 2nd. That all actions brought against medical men for malpractice must be instituted within one year from the date of such alleged malpractice. 3rd. That the clauses in the British Medical and Dental Acts, relating to the power of suspending or erasing the names of licentiates from the register, or guilty of infamous or disgraceful conduct from a professional point of view, be incorporated in the proposed measure. The remaining clauses relating to the question of security for costs in suits for damages, the proper payment of medical witnesses, and the appointment of a taxing officer, were, on the recommendation of the Solicitor, passed over. The consideration of the tariff was postponed for future consideration.

ROGERS' GROUPS OF STATUARY. The latest accession to these celebrated groups by this well-known artist is shown in the cut, and is entitled "King Lear and Cordelia." It is taken from Shakespeare, and represents a scene in King Lear. The king has banished his daughter Cordelia and divided his kingdom between his other two daughters, but their ingratitude and ill-treatment have driven him crazy. He is represented on a couch, and behind him stands his old friend Kent, disguised as a servant, and the doctor. His daughter Cordelia, who loves him dearly in spite of his former harsh treatment, tries to recall herself to his wandering mind. We need not say that the group is in the artist's best style of art and must be seen to be fully appreciated. This, or indeed any of the groups in the catalogue would be a most suitable Christmas or wedding present. See cut of "King Lear and Cordelia," among the advertising pages.

LACTIC ACID IN TUBERCULAR LARYNGITIS.

—The application of a ten per cent. solution of lactic acid to the ulceration and swelling of the larynx caused by tuberculous deposit has been at-

tended with very beneficial results at the hands of physicians in Germany and elsewhere. The strength of the solution may be gradually increased to eighty per cent. A number of cases are reported in which the ulceration was completely cured by these applications, notwithstanding the presence of tubercle-bacilli. In view of the unfavorable course which such cases generally pursue and the failure of all other treatment, this is a decided step in advance. Lactic acid may also be found useful in other disorders of the throat.

BILLROTH'S VIEWS ON ANTISEPTICS.—Billroth writes the following on antiseptics: 1. Iodoform is the safest and most effective of all manageable antiseptics. 2. Moss, wool, turf, mould, and oak-um are useful when there are discharges from the wound. 3. Corrosive sublimate in dilute solution is practically inert as an antiseptic to wounds, and renders the patient and surgeon alike liable to mercurial poisoning. 4. Carbolic acid, which is known to be dangerous in strong solutions, is, in very weak ones, as good for wound irrigation as clean water, but probably no better.

WARBURG'S TINCTURE.—The following is said to be Dr. Warburg's own formula, first published in 1875:

R. Socotrine aloes.....	lb. 1
Rhubarb (East Indian)....	oz. 4
Angelica seed.....	" 4
Confect. of damocratis....	" 4
Saffron.....	" 2
Fennel seed.....	" 2
Prepared chalk.....	" 2
Gentian.....	" 1
Zedoaria.....	" 1
Cubebs.....	" 1
Myrrh.....	" 1
Camphor.....	" 1
White agaric.....	" 1

Mix.

These ingredients are to be digested with 500 ounces of proof spirit in a water-bath for twelve hours, then expressed, and ten ounces of quinine sulphate added, the mixture to be replaced in the water-bath till all the quinine is dissolved. The liquor when cool is to be filtered, and is then fit for use.

THE CALOMEL TREATMENT OF PNEUMONIA.

—There have appeared of late many favorable reports regarding the treatment of pneumonia by