

considered an endorsement of the value of Spina's work.

The Kingston Women's Medical College have appointed a faculty as follows: Obstetrics, Dr. M. Lavell; Surgery, Dr. M. Sullivan; Anatomy, Dr. Garratt; Materia Medica, Dr. Oliver; Medicine, Dr. Saunders; Medical Jurisprudence and Sanitary Science, Dr. Fenwick; Institutes of Medicine and Histology, Dr. Phelan. Botany and Chemistry will be taken in the Arts course of Queen's College.

Miscellaneous.

THE *N. Y. Record* says the bacillus tuberculosis may have killed many men; it has made two—Koch and Spina.

THE Cholera appears to have got a foothold in Egypt. If the Arabian Cholera is really that plague which always makes its way into Europe, and from thence to this continent, we may begin to look out in about two years time.

THE Medical Colleges of the United States now in existence number 110, while the total number in Canada is only 9. The schools of the United States graduated 4,299, out of a total of 12,454 matriculates, at 34.6 per cent.—*Gaillard's Med. Jnl.*

REMOVAL OF FRECKLES.—The careful application of a small piece of the ointment of the oleate of copper at night upon retiring will usually remove freckles. The ointment is usually prepared by dissolving one drachm of the salt of oleate of copper in sufficient oleopalmitic acid.—*SHORNAKER.*

ARE French flats healthy? Yes, very. Are people in them healthy? No. Why? They have to starve and go half naked to pay the rent. Why are these flats called French flats? To distinguish them from American flats? What are American flats? The people who live in French flats.—*Can. Lancet and Clinic.*

A SANITARY Convention is to be held in Muskegon, Mich., under the auspices of the State Board of Health of Michigan, on the 23rd and 24th instant. A very interesting programme has been prepared, and reduced railway fares may be obtained on applying to C. P. Donelson, M.D., of Muskegon, the Secretary of the Convention, for certificates.

HOW TO DRIVE FLIES OUT OF A ROOM.—Observations made by M. Rafford, a member of the Societie d'Horticulture at Limoges, show that a castor-oil plant having been placed in a room infested with flies, they disappeared as by enchantment. Wishing to find the cause, he soon found under the castor-oil plant a number of dead flies and a large number of bodies had remained clinging to the under surface of the leaves. It would, therefore, appear that the leaves of the castor oil plant give out an essential oil, or some toxic principle which possesses very strong insecticide qualities. Castor-oil plants are in France very much used as ornamental plants in rooms, as they resist very well variations of atmosphere and temperature. As the castor-oil plant is very much grown and cultivated in all gardens, the *Journal d'Agriculture* points out that it would be worth while to try decorations of the leaves to destroy the green flies and other insects which in summer are so destructive to plants and fruit trees. Anyhow M. Rafford's observations merit that trial should be made of the properties of the castor-oil plant, both for the destruction of flies in dwellings and of other troublesome insects.—*British Med. Journal.—Can. Lan. and Clin.*

EVERY doctor, ought to have an opinion, and ought to be able to give it to others in a way that can be comprehended; the science of medicine no longer consists of technicalities.

Thus men will be forced to study their cases closely, thereby becoming more intelligent practitioners of the healing art.

Thus the narrow minded selfish egotist will have to give an opinion and abide by it.

Thus the man who by reason of age, and position, and influence, who cries the loudest for the code of ethics and tramples it underfoot without fear, will be forced to rely on merit intrinsic not on past reputation. The young man's mouth will not be shut, while the old man's is open.—*Nash. Jour. Med. and Surg.*

THE DANGERS OF EXPERIMENT.—A short time since Professor Jolyet, of Bordeaux, nearly lost his life in endeavoring to demonstrate, by Grehaut's method of inspiring hydrogen, the lung capacity to his pupils. (*British Medical Journal.*) He had prepared the hydrogen gas, but, wanting some acid, he sent for it to a neighbouring laboratory, poured some into the apparatus, and