

his claims to the appointment, and very properly says that in the field of vital statistics he stands pre-eminently alone. The system of vital statistics of which England may justly be proud, and the reports of the Registrar-General which have been accepted as models in all parts of the world, owe their existence to Dr. Farr. One of Dr. Farr's most valuable contributions on statistical subjects is his English Life Table, which is calculated upon the deaths in England and Wales in seventeen years. His appointment would be a most fitting and graceful reward upon a meritorious public servant, and the appointment would be also an essentially popular one.

MEDICAL EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES.—

A convention of the Medical Colleges of the United States is to take place on the 2nd of May, a day or two previous to the meeting of the American Medical Association at Atlanta, Ga. The object of the meeting is to adopt a uniform system and a more thorough course of instruction in all the medical colleges of the Union, and in keeping with the requirements of the age. Two reforms are very much needed at the present time, viz., a preliminary examination in the English branches, and some knowledge of classics, especially Latin; and a four years' course of study, including attendance upon three winter courses of lectures.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS, LONDON.—

The following Canadian graduates in medicine successfully passed the examination of the Royal College of Physicians, London, and were admitted as Licentiates on the 18th February. W. H. Burton, N. Gillies, P. Z. Herbert, J. R. Jones, E. G. Kittson and R. B. Lesslie.

A. D. Campbell recently obtained the double qualification of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons, Edinburgh.

USE OF CARBOLIC ACID BY MIDWIVES.—The midwives in the Tyrol are only allowed to follow their vocation under certain restrictions. The following has been recently decreed respecting carbolic acid, viz.: "that all midwives, whether examining or treating the healthy or sick pregnant lying-in women, must thoroughly disinfect their hands, or any instruments they may use, such as catheters, enema-tubes, sponges, &c., with a solution of carbolic acid."

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS, KINGSTON.—The Lectures in connection with this School of Medicine closed on Friday, March 21st. Dr. Lavell, Professor of Obstetrics, delivered an able and eloquent valedictory to the students, which was well received. The past session has been characterized by a large attendance.

ONTARIO MEDICAL COUNCIL EXAMINATIONS.—

The regular annual examinations of the Ontario Medical Council will be held in the Convocation Hall Toronto University, and also in the City Hall, Kingston commencing on the 8th inst. The matriculation examination will take place in Toronto only on the 15th and 16th inst.

THE PLAGUE.—The Fellows of the Royal College of Physicians, London, have passed a resolution requesting the British Government to appoint a Royal Commission of eminent statesmen, medical men, and specialists to investigate the plague now prevailing to such an alarming extent in Russia.

INTRA-VEINUS INJECTION OF MILK.—Dr Robert McDonnell of Dublin, lately performed this operation with success on a patient suffering from great exhaustion, consequent upon typhoid fever. The milk was drawn fresh from the cow, and ten ounces injected into the veins at the bend of the elbow. The patient was very much benefited.

JOURNAL OF PHYSIOLOGY.—The Classified List of Titles of Books and Papers on subjects of Physiological interest published during the year 1878, has been issued to subscribers. Any subscriber not having received his copy is requested to communicate with Messrs. Macmillan, New York. A few extra copies are on sale. Price \$1.25.

Dr. McDonald has been appointed Consulting Physician to the Hamilton City Hospital, and Drs. Mullin and O'Neil, Attending Physicians.

TORONTO UNIVERSITY Examiner.—Dr. Canniff has been appointed Examiner in Anatomy and Surgery, in lieu of Dr. Malloch, resigned.

PERSONAL.—Dr. C. H. Lavell, of Kingston, has removed to St. Paul, Minn., where he intends to practise his profession.