

physicians to the population is above 1 to 1,000. Maryland and Colorado are the most over-doctored States; the proportion in the former is 1 to 329, and in the latter 1 to 341. A list of twenty-four institutions is given where diplomas are not recognized by the Board, and a number of others, concerning the "good standing" of which the Board has not yet decided.

QUADRUPLETS.—Drs. Edwards and McTaggart, of London, Ont., report a remarkable case. A woman, already the mother of four children, had what was supposed to be an early miscarriage in the last week of January, '83. Her abdomen continued to enlarge, and finally became of an immense size. On September 14th, 1883, she was confined of *four* living children, two boys and two girls, the time elapsing between the birth of the first and that of the last child being one hour and forty-five minutes. Three of the children weighed somewhat over four pounds, and one slightly under that weight. There was only one placenta. At last report all were alive and doing well.

M. SOUVIELLE.—We have been shown a letter from Prof. Rosenthal, of Erlangen, in which full details are given of the attempt by this man to obtain the degree of that University by presenting a forged thesis. Fortunately, the gentleman into whose hands it was placed for criticism recognized the production as spurious, and the fraud was detected. The worst feature of the case is that M. Souvielle passed himself off as a Canadian and a Montrealer, and has, by his disgraceful action, smirched the fair name of both the country and the city.

THE HOMEWOOD RETREAT.—This private asylum at Guelph, Ont., will be opened for the reception of the insane and inebriates next month, with accommodation for fifty patients. Dr. Lett, for thirteen years assistant superintendent of Ontario public asylums, will have charge. Mr. Langmuir, so long Inspector of Asylums in that Province, is President of the Association. From our personal knowledge of these gentlemen we can heartily recommend the Retreat to the support of the Profession.