

Medical Council Examiners for the year 1877-8: Materia Medica and Sanitary Science, Dr. H. H. Wright, Toronto; Anatomy, Descriptive and Surgical, Dr. Bergin; Medicine, Medical Pathology, Medical Diagnosis, Botany, Dr. Fowler, Kingston; Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children, Dr. Workman, Toronto; Surgery, Surgical Pathology and Microscopic Anatomy, Dr. M'Laughlin, Bowmanville; Chemistry, Theoretical and Practical, Dr. Morrison, Newmarket; Physiology, Dr. Kennedy, Toronto; Medical Jurisprudence and Toxicology, Dr. Logan, Ottawa; Homœopathic Examiner, Dr. Morden, London. *Matriculation Examiners*: A. McMurchy, M.A., Toronto; Samuel Wood, M.A., Kingston.

PHOTOGRAPHS.—We have received from R. Berendsohn, of New York, photographs of Sir Astley Cooper, John Hunter, and Dr. Bright. Any one wishing to have pictures of these celebrated men will find those sold by Mr. Berendsohn good and cheap.

We have received a communication signed Ottawa, which has come to hand too late for insertion in this issue. We shall be glad to give it space in September, but in accordance with rules, must ask "Ottawa" to send us his card, not necessarily for publication, &c.

MEDICAL SCHOOL IN OTTAWA.—It is reported that a new medical school is to be started in Ottawa.

### BOOK NOTICES.

*Syphilitic Phthisis.* By WM. PORTER, M.D., St. Louis.

*Annual announcement of McGill University Faculty of Medicine. Session 1877-78.*

*Seventeenth Annual announcement of the Bellevue Hospital Medical College. Sessions of 1877-78.*

*Transactions of the 79th Annual Section of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland.*

*Report on Dermatology.* By LUNSFORD YANDELL, M.D. Read before the Kentucky State Medical Society.

*Reply to Dr. J. Marion Sims' Pamphlet, entitled "The Women's Hospital in 1874."* By Drs. E. R. PEASLEE, T. A. EMMET, and T. G. THOMAS.

*Recherches cliniques et therapeutiques sur l'Epilepsie and L'Hysterie Compte rendu des observations recueillies a la Saltpetriere, de 1872 a 1875.* Par Bourneville.

The first part of the work treats of *L'etat de mal epileptique*, which is characterized by (a) the almost incessant repetition of attacks, often running in to each other; (b) collapse varying in degree, even to absolute coma without return of lucidity; (c) hemiplegia more or less complete, and fugitive; (d) frequency of pulse and respiration; (e) and especially by considerable elevation of temperature, which remains in the intervals of the attacks, and even increases when they have ceased. Full clinical notes are given of a typical case ending fatally. The second part is devoted to the therapeutic effects of ammoniated sulphate of copper, monobromide of camphor, ice, oxide of zinc, and nitrite of amyl, a number of cases being given under each remedy. The conclusions arrived at are that the copper gives negative results. The monobromide of camphor diminished the number of attacks, and is of most benefit in cases where vertigo is the prominent symptom. The application of ice had a beneficial effect, especially in cases where permanent frequency of the pulse, palpitations and precordial pains were present. Oxide of zinc diminished the number of attacks in half of the cases. Nitrite of amyl in five drop doses, by inhalation, warded off the attacks in a large number of cases of epilepsy and hystero-epilepsy. In one case no return of the disease had taken place after eight weeks; in another, after four months. Some of the cases were subject to attacks daily. The third part of the work is devoted to the study of two cases of hystero-epilepsy. The clinical histories are given very fully.