

### DRUNK OR DYING.

The *British Medical Journal* reports an unfortunate mistake which recently occurred in London. A drunken cabman, having fallen, was taken to St. George's Hospital, and then to the workhouse in Buckingham Palace Road, but no serious injury being detected, he was refused admission at both places. The man was then taken to the police station, where Mr. Samuel Benton found that his pupils were uneven, and concluded that he had sustained serious injury. The man died in a few hours, and a post mortem examination revealed a fracture of the skull. The coroner's jury attempted to censure the house-surgeon of St. George's, but were prevented by the coroner.

It is sometimes impossible at once to decide as to the gravity of an injury to a drunken man, but the possibility of making a very grave mistake should always be borne in mind, and should make us extremely careful in making an examination and giving a decided opinion as to diagnosis or prognosis.

Dr. Goodell, at a recent meeting of the Obstetrical Society in Philadelphia, said he had performed the operation of rapid dilatation of the cervical canal, with his uterine dilator for dysmenorrhœa and sterility in two hundred and nine cases, without a dangerous symptom in any instance, and with a large average of success.

**HIGH-TONED HOME FOR INEBRIATES.**—A new home for inebriates was opened last month in England. It is situated in Twickenham, a village on the Thames, about ten miles out of London, in the old building known as "High Shot House," built in the reign of Queen Anne, and at one time the residence of King Louis Philippe. The number of patients will be restricted to twelve, and none but males shall be allowed the privilege of entering these royal precincts.

**BRITISH DENTAL ASSOCIATION.**—The meeting of this association was opened at Cambridge, England, on August 27th; there are 562 members. The next meeting will be held in London, August 19, 20 and 21st, 1886, under the presidency of Sir Edwin Saunders.

### Meetings of Medical Societies.

#### THE DOMINION MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The eighteenth annual meeting of the Dominion Medical Association took place in Chatham, on the 2nd and 3rd of September. The meeting was opened on the morning of the 2nd by the retiring President, Dr. Sullivan, who spoke of the change of place of meeting rendered necessary by the recent trouble in the North-West. He then referred to the Medical Department of the Expeditionary Force, and spoke in high terms of the bravery and self-sacrifice of the Ambulance Corps.

Dr. Sullivan then introduced Dr. Osler, the President elect, who took the chair amid applause.

Letters of regret were read from Dr. Bergen, Surgeon-General of the Canadian Militia forces, and Dr. Brodie, President of the American Medical Association. Dr. Bray, of Chatham, then came forward and read the following address of welcome:

*"Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Canada Medical Association:*

"To-day it is my pleasing duty, on behalf of the medical profession of Chatham and vicinity, to welcome you on this your first visit to our town. I can assure you, while I appreciate the honor thus conferred on me, I cannot conceal the fact that to some one better able to do so should have been allotted this pleasant task. But while there are many who would perform this duty much better than I, there is not one who appreciates the honor more, or extends to you individually and collectively a warmer welcome.

"It will be in the recollection of those who attended the meeting in Montreal last year, that by some it was thought presumption on the part of myself, and those associated with me, to ask you to come to Chatham, and I now begin to think that perhaps they were right, knowing the character of the receptions that have been accorded to this Association by such cities as London, Hamilton, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, St. John, Halifax and Montreal, and all I have to offer in apology is, that while