

of the Central Board established by her Medical Bill, and further, that Ontario is *not* the only country in the world where medical sects are recognized, as the province of Quebec has conferred upon Homœopaths full recognition and the right to grant certificates of qualification.

CHIROPODIST.

A few months ago a celebrated chiropodist, who visited this city, was engaged by a gentleman to remove a corn from the inner side of the little toe, and during the operation his attention was drawn by the patient, to one on the outside of the same toe, which was just then giving pain, when the operator exclaimed,—"That's only the roots of this one, that have gone through, and clenched around the bone; but I'll fetch him."

LUMBAGO.

The *Lancet* contains an article from the pen of Dr. Glover, in which he speaks very highly of the effects of quinine in two grain doses every four hours, in the treatment of Lumbago.

Correspondence.

FROM OUR NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT.

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The twenty-first annual meeting of the American Medical Association, held in Washington, though largely attended, was, on the whole, far from satisfactory in its results. The question of admitting delegates from the District of Columbia, interrupted the harmony of the first day's proceedings, by inducing a partizan discussion, during which crimination and recrimination were freely bandied about. The cause of this hub-bub is not easy to be got at, but I believe it relates to the action of certain Colleges of that district, in allowing negro physicians to participate in the clinical rights awarded to their professional brethren of the orthodox hue. Blessed are the people that can meet without quarrelling! Blessed are the disciples of *Æsculapius*, who, as the Germans lately, at *Versamlun*, (see a late number of *MacMillan's Magazine*, art. "Philosophers at Play"), when they come together, can mingle 'fun with the serious business of life. These lusty Teutons ate a good dinner, quaffed a good glass, smoked long pipes, and sang good songs—comical songs; songs running over with good humored banter and rollicking fun.

But to return to the Washington meeting. On

the second day, a motion was introduced, providing for a uniform standard of Medical Education throughout the Union. On this a debate arose, in which the Eastern delegates favored the motion, the Western delegates opposed it. This is what might have been expected, when the wealth and settled character of Eastern Institutions is compared with the undeveloped, pioneering West. The Eastern merchant or manufacturer can easily afford to give his children a good college education, which will fit them for the study of any profession; the Western farmer can only allow them a few months schooling in the year. But the idea of establishing a uniform standard of medical education is both wise and practical. There can be little doubt of its realization in the course of time. A curious and valuable document was submitted by Dr. Jones, of the District of Columbia, consisting of a tabular statement of all the completely organized medical institutions in the country. Dr. Storer, of Boston, will have it published at his own expense. We may expect to have it soon in book form.

The trial of McFarland, for the murder of Richardson, has absorbed a great deal of public attention. The medical testimony adduced thereat, has not escaped its share of adverse criticism. The first medical expert called by the defence was, Dr. Vance, respecting whom, the *Times* informs us, that he is "a gentleman of somewhat youthful appearance, but possessing intellectual characteristics far beyond his apparent years." A good deal of the field of mental alienation was gone over in his examination; *e. g.*, the diagnosis of organic lesion of the brain, by the modern improved methods; the causes and varieties of insanity, &c., &c. His theory of McFarland's case is, that long mental anxiety, loss of sleep, and similar depressing causes had induced a permanent congestion of his brain. For diagnosis of this condition he depended mainly on the Ophthalmoscope, which disclosed to him a fullness of blood in the vessels of the ophthalmic nerve, and *fundus oculi*. Soon after him followed Dr. Hammond, whose praises as a "splendid type of the genus *homo*," were sung by the wrapt reporter of the *Herald*. His testimony was given with all the confidence and ease of a man who thoroughly understands what he is about. He dwelt particularly on certain recent, and as it is said, improved means of diagnosing mental alienation; *e. g.* the *œsthesiometer* and the *dynamometer*. The medical evidence was very complete, so far as it went; but a good deal of indignation is felt that it should have been used by the defence in support of, what most people consider, a mock plea of insanity.