

Dr. Brett fills the important position of Premier in the Northwest Council.

THE governors of the Winnipeg General Hospital held their annual meeting last week. Mr. Hespler was reelected Chairman and Judge Bain, Hon. Secretary-Treasurer.

A COLLEGE of Physicians and Surgeons has been founded for the Northwest Territories. Drs. Brett, Edwards, Lafferty, Cotton and Wilson have been elected members of the first Medical Council.

### LIBRARY TABLE.

"Micro Organisms as Parasites,"—by Mrs. Alice Bodington, Vancouver, B.C.

"The Cure of Crooked and Otherwise Deformed Noses,"—by John B. Roberts, A.M., M.D., Philadelphia.

"Concealed Pregnancy; its Relation to Abdominal Surgery,"—by Albert Vanderveer, M.D., Surgeon to Albany Hospital.

"Pulmonary Consumption Considered as a Neurosis"—by Thos. J. Mays, M.D., Professor of Diseases of the Chest in the Philadelphia Polyclinic.

"Cuba in its Relation to the Southern United States: its Danger as a Disease Producing and Distributing Centre,"—by Wolfred Nelson, C.M., M.D., 32 Nassau St., New York City.

"Eunuchiation of Tuberculous Glands,"—by Thos. W. Kay, M.D., Scranton, Philadelphia. Ex-Surgeon to Johannite Hospital at Beyrout, with case of cerebral abscess following injury of the skull.

"The Endemic Fever of the Northwest Territories,"—by A. Jukes, M.D., Senior Surgeon to the Northwest Mounted Police. A very valuable contribution to the etiology of this disease, by one who has enjoyed special opportunities for investigation.

"Text Book of Medical Chemistry,"—by Elias H. Bartley, B.S., M.D., second edition, enlarged and revised with sixty-two illustrations. Blakiston, Son & Co., Walnut St., Philadelphia. A very concise work on the subject of which it

treats. A valuable book for the use of students and will be worthy of a place in the practitioner's library.

"Handbook of Materia Medica, Pharmacy and Therapeutics,"—by Samuel L. Potter, M.A., M.D.—second edition—P. Blakiston & Son, Walnut St., Philadelphia. Both for practitioner and student this work will be found of great value, simple in language, graphic, and yet comprehensive in description, it is readily understood. It contains a greater amount of matter than any other publication on the same subjects, giving the physiological action of the various drugs, instructions for prescription writing, which many may study with great advantage to themselves and benefit to the chemist, as well as over two hundred pages of special therapeutics and other matter necessary for the educated as well as educating physicians. We strongly recommend this book to the notice of the profession.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

TEX MINIONS of fluid extract of gelsemium taken at bedtime will, according to the *Southern Medical Record*, effectually abort a cold in the head, when administered in the acute congestive stage.—*Cleve Med. Gazette*.

PUERPERAL FEVER.—M. Widal believes puerperal infection to be produced by the streptococcus pyogenes entering the animal economy by first lodging in the ulcerated uterine mucous membrane. The diffusion of the microorganism by the uterine vessels explains the distribution of this affection in various organs. M. Widal has observed that the false membrane sometimes present in puerperal fever has no analogy with the false membrane of diphtheria. The puerperal false membrane and the pus of the abscesses are of the same origin, and are produced by the streptococcus pyogenes. M. Widal has examined the veins in a number of cases of puerperal phlegmasia alba dolens, and has ascertained that the origin of this affection is always due to the presence of the streptococcus pyogenes in the endothelium of the vein; the clot forms after inflammation has set in. The difference