

THE Maritime Medical Association, which this year convened at St. John, N.B., on the 18th and 19th of July, was a pronounced success. The discussion in medicine was on "Arterio-Sclerosis," led by Dr. W. H. Hattie, Superintendent of the Nova Scotia Hospital for the Insane at Halifax; that in surgery on "Spinal Deformities" was opened by Dr. E. Farrell, of Halifax; whilst the discussion in "Gynecology on Retro-Displacements of the Uterus" was begun by Dr. P. Conroy, of Charlottetown.

THREE of this year's graduates of the Ontario Medical College for Women have been appointed house surgeons in large American hospitals: Dr. B. Chone Oliver goes to the Woman's Hospital at Philadelphia; Dr. Mabel L. Harrington has been appointed to the New England Hospital for Women and Children; and Dr. Mary E. Crawford will assume similar duties in the West Philadelphia Hospital for Women. Two members of the class of 1889, Drs. Janet Hall and Anna C. Macrae, have just returned from abroad, having spent a year in the hospitals of Dublin, Edinburgh, London and Paris. One-half the number of this year's graduates have volunteered for service in the foreign field, but at present they will probably steer clear of China.

THAT Canada is prepared for any appearance of the bubonic plague is evidenced by the manner in which the quarantine station on our western shores at William's Head is equipped. This station is under the superintendency of Dr. Watt, who is described as an active and efficient officer. It is situated on a long narrow peninsula, distance about eight miles from the city of Victoria, and possesses the finest equipment of anything of its kind in the Dominion and even surpasses anything in the United States. On the wharf is a moveable engine for the purpose of forcing sulphur fumes into and through the holds of the vessel, whilst the ropes which hold the visiting vessel to the wharf are carefully covered with funnel-like rat-catchers to prevent the landing of any of these vermin. The formaldehyde process is also employed in disinfecting, and in addition there is a large tank holding over 8,000 gallons of muriatic acid and bichloride of mercury, constantly ready at any moment to spray the exposed surfaces of ships where fumigation would not be feasible. The arrangements are said to be such that 800 Asiatics can be accommodated at one time. The hospitals occupy another portion of the grounds and are scientifically constructed on the pavilion plan and complete in all their arrangements. There is also a cheery home for first-class passengers at some distance from the common quarters. With such perfect arrangements on our far western confines, the plague will have some difficulty in finding footing on Canadian soil.