

CHICAGO Board of Health reports on the treatment of diphtheria by antitoxine are much in favor of its employment in that disease.

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INSANITY IN CRIME.—Editorially, *Longsdale's Lancet* says, in the February number, that when insanity is pleaded in defence of crime the court should appoint a commission of experts to examine into and pass upon the case. If they agree that the prisoner is insane, he should be confined until those capable of judging shall pronounce him sane. If pronounced sane, he should be tried on the evidence, the insanity dodge being eliminated.

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ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—The Committee on Papers of the Ontario Medical Association have chosen the following leading subjects for discussion: In surgery, "The Operative Treatment of Mammary Carcinoma." In medicine, "The Treatment of Phthisis." In obstetrics, "The Treatment of Puerperal Sepsis." In reply to the general invitation for papers to the nearly 1,000 members, an excellent programme should be arranged. A big rally is expected at Windsor, June 3rd and 4th.

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THE establishment of a home for consumptives is being advocated in Chicago. The advisability of establishing it in a distant out-of-the-way place is illustrated by the Chicago physician, who left that city and located in a well-known western resort. He was seen some months after again in the city, and was asked why he returned. He replied by saying, "that he would rather die in Chicago than live to be as old as Methuselah in the mountains. In the city one could get everything except air; in the mountains nothing else."

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PROFESSORS AND THE ADVERTISING POSTAL CARD.—We have just received an immense post-card by mail, which contains, in type so large, that anyone may easily see the tremendous advantage to be gained by going to a western city of the United States to attend the Polyclinic. Though we have had something in this line before, our nervous systems were hardly prepared for the shock of an advertisement such as might be sent out from a patent medicine firm or a modern departmental store. We notice that all those who are to give instruction are Professors!!!—that "no effort will be spared to make the course eminently practical to the general practitioner." Special prominence is given to surgery, gynecology, skin and venereal