

milk, one of their later specialties, though not long before the profession, already occupies a prominent place among preparations of its kind. It contains 52 per cent. pure oil, and being peptonized in combination with the milk is easily assimilated. It is very palatable; the taste of the oil is well disguised, and it agrees, as a rule, with the most delicate stomach.

#### COCAINE IN LITHOTRITY AND RECTAL SURGERY.

—An operation for rapid lithotrity was recently performed at St. Peter's Hospital, London, (*Lancet*) under muriate of cocaine, with perfect success, and entirely free from pain. The bladder was injected with half an ounce of a 4 per cent. solution of cocaine. Bettelheim, of Vienna, reports a case of enlargement of the prostate in a patient 74 years of age who complained much of rectal and vesical tenesmus. A suppository of cocoa butter containing half a grain of cocaine was introduced into the rectum at bed-time, and relief was obtained during the night and the following day. This was repeated when required and always afforded relief. This remedy is also used in the London Hospitals in the treatment of piles, fissure and fistula with excellent results.

ONTARIO MEDICAL COUNCIL.—We observe that some anonymous scribbler has written two or three letters to the Toronto press advocating the doing away with the Medical Council. It is not our custom to notice the effusions of anonymous contributors, and we shall not depart from a well established rule in this case, further than to say that we trust no member of the profession in Ontario will allow himself to be influenced by such erratic nonsense as appeared over the signature of M.C.P.S.O. The profession of Ontario will be very foolish if it ever allow the management of its own affairs to be handed over to the senate of any University however powerful or popular it may be for the time being. There is no prospect of more than a *quasi* or partial federation of the colleges at best, and even if it were an accomplished fact in the fullest sense, that is no reason why the profession of Ontario should, of its own action, yield up any of its privileges or delegate its most important functions to a non-professional body. We will never consent to that.

NEW REMEDY FOR CANCER.—Another new re-

medy for cancer has been recently investigated. It is a Brazilian plant named *alvêloz* belonging to the euphorbiacæ. It has been used in the hospitals in Brazil, it is said, with success in several cases. From the reports which so far have reached us, however, it appears to be of value only in the treatment of epithelioma.

MONTREAL CARNIVAL.—One of the most noticeable features of the Montreal Winter Carnival is the magnificent special "Carnival Numbers," issued by Montreal publishers. Messrs. Dougall & Son, of the Montreal *Witness*, have issued an excellent number, teeming with illustrations, and having a gigantic four-page picture—"Storming of the Ice Castle by Night"—designed by Mr. R. Harris, A.R.C.A. Besides this there are full page pictures by Messrs. Bird, Raphael, Walker, and other Canadian artists, and the number also contains the Carnival Poem, appropriately illustrated, for which a prize of \$100 has been paid, and a special Supplement representing the various athletic clubs and their leading men. The letterpress pages have been tastefully prepared, and contain a very large number of engravings, representing various phases of our Canadian winter sports. The price is ten cents per copy, postpaid.

EXCISION OF A TUMOR OF THE BRAIN.—The sequel of the case of excision of brain tumor reported in our last number has unfortunately terminated in the death of the patient. Hernia cerebri supervened, but the cause of death was meningitis which extended to the base of the brain. The brain was otherwise practically normal.

APPOINTMENTS.—Dr. H. V. Ogden (McGill), has been appointed Prof. of Materia Medica in the Milwaukee Medical College, Wisconsin.

The following gentlemen have been appointed commissioners under the Liquor License Act: Drs. J. S. Sprague, of Stirling, and J. S. Loomis, of Madoc, Ont., for the Co. Hastings; Dr. A. Rockwell, for Hastings, W., and Dr. A. McLean, for Lambton, W.,

ARSENIC IN TUBERCULOUS DISEASE OF JOINTS.—Arsenic in the form of Fowler's solution is highly recommended for tuberculous disease of the joints, especially when the disease is of long standing and the patient debilitated by suppuration. It is given in combination with cod-liver oil.