

of the August number will be struck of the list.

Those who wish to continue the *Record* will please take notice of the above and govern themselves accordingly.

A NEW INSTRUMENT.

At the meeting of the American Medical Association, held at Detroit in June last, one of the delegates brought before a full meeting a new instrument which he has invented, and which he styles the "*Compound Back-action Auro-recto Micro-Spectroscopic Speculum.*" He insisted and attempted to prove that by its use a diagnosis of piles, ulcer of the stomach, and congestion of the brain could be made out in one sitting or lying, as the case might be. He attempted by a sketch to show the passage of light from the anal to the anal speculum, but he experienced considerable difficulty in making his hearers understand how the light could be made to penetrate the brain of an ordinary patient, and how, in case the colon was impacted the beam of light could be made to reach the diaphragm. The description and the exhibition of the drawing is said to have caused infinite amusement.

THE VALUE OF OATMEAL AS INFANTS' FOOD.

In a communication to the Société Médicale des Hôpitaux, MM. Dujardin-Beaumetz and Hardy make known the results of the employment of oatmeal on the alimentation and hygiene of infants. According to them, oatmeal is the aliment which, by reason of its plastic and respiratory elements, makes the nearest approach to human milk. It also is one of those which contains most iron and salts, and especially the phosphate of lime, so necessary for infants. It also has the property of preventing and arresting the diarrhoeas which are so frequent and so dangerous at this age. According to the trials made by Mr. Marie, infants from four to eleven months of age fed exclusively upon Scotch oatmeal and cow's milk thrive very nearly as well as do children of the same age suckled by a good nurse.

BURGLARS BEWARE!

A "SKELETON IN THE CLOSET" is not generally considered a pleasant thing to have, but a recent occurrence in Greensburg, U. S., shows that it may sometimes answer a good purpose. We learn from the *Philadelphia Medical Times* that a burglar broke into a physician's office in that town, and opening a closet (while his companion with a dark lantern was in another part of the room); got his

hands between the jaws of a skeleton which, being adjusted with a coil spring and kept open with a thread, closed suddenly on the intruding hand by the breaking of the thread. Startled at being thus seized, he uttered a faint shriek, and when his companion turned the lantern towards him and he beheld himself in the grim and ghastly jaws of Death himself, he became so overpowered by fear that he fainted and fell insensible to the floor, pulling the skeleton down upon him, and making so much noise that his companion fled immediately. The doctor, alarmed at the noise and confusion, hastened into the room, and secured the terror-stricken burglar, still held by the skeleton.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Erichsen, the world renowned Surgeon, sails on the 30th July for Canada, as he will visit Montreal we would suggest some means whereby he might be enabled to meet the profession.

Dr. R. A. Stevenson (M.D., McGill College 1871), passed through Montreal early in July *en route* for London, England, where he intends to pass several months in attendance on the hospitals. Dr. Stevenson has been practising in Strathroy, Ont. Previous to his departure he was entertained at supper, and presented with a purse of one hundred and fifty dollars.

Dr. McNaughton, President of the Albany Medical College, died suddenly in Paris on the 1st of June. We recently alluded to this gentleman as the oldest living medical teacher.

Dr. Richardson, Toronto; Dr. Casgrain, Windsor; Dr. C. B. Hall, Toronto; Dr. Robert Lambert, Windsor; Dr. A. A. Andrews, Windsor; Dr. E. Nesbitt, Sandwich; Dr. George McMicking, Goderich; Dr. F. B. McCormick, Ripon, and Dr. F. F. Bell, Amherstburg, attended the meeting of the American Medical Association, which was held at Detroit, Michigan, on the 2nd of June, and were received with marked attention. Dr. Richardson, of Toronto, acted as the spokesman of the delegation.

Dr. J. G. Kittson (M.D. McGill College, 1869), of Berthier en haut, has been appointed surgeon to the North-west mounted police, at a salary of \$1,400 a year.

Dr. Nesbitt, of Toronto, is said to have received the appointment of assistant surgeon to the North-west mounted police.

Dr. Donald A. McCrimmon, (M.D. McGill College, 1869,) has settled at Lucknow, Ont., where he is now doing a very extensive practice. He is also proprietor of the Lucknow Medical Hall, which does a large business.

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